UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM F-3 REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

GRACELL BIOTECHNOLOGIES INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Not Applicable (Translation of registrant's name into English)

Cayman Islands (State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) Not Applicable (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box. \Box

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. \Box

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. \Box

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.C. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box \Box

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.C. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box \Box

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933.

Emerging growth company ⊠

If an emerging growth company that prepares its financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards† provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.

† The term "new or revised financial accounting standard" refers to any update issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board to its Accounting Standards Codification after April 5, 2012.

The Registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to such Section 8(a), may determine.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This registration statement contains:

- a base prospectus which covers the offering, issuance and sale by us of up to \$200,000,000 in the aggregate of the securities identified therein from time to time in one or more offerings; and
- a sales agreement prospectus supplement covering the offering, issuance and sale by us of up to a maximum aggregate offering price of \$50,000,000 of American Depositary Shares, or ADS, (each representing five ordinary shares) that may be issued and sold under a sales agreement among us, Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. and BTIG, LLC.

The base prospectus immediately follows this explanatory note. The specific terms of any securities to be offered pursuant to the base prospectus will be specified in a prospectus supplement to the base prospectus. The sales agreement prospectus supplement immediately follows the base prospectus. The \$50,000,000 of ADSs that may be offered, issued and sold under the sales agreement prospectus supplement is included in the \$200,000,000 of securities that may be offered, issued and sold by us under the base prospectus. Upon termination of the sales agreement among us, Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. and BTIG, LLC, any portion of the \$50,000,000 included in the sales agreement prospectus supplement that is not sold pursuant to the sales agreement will be available for sale in other offerings pursuant to the base prospectus and a corresponding prospectus supplement, and if no ADSs are sold under the sales agreement, the full \$50,000,000 of securities may be sold in other offerings pursuant to the base prospectus and a corresponding prospectus supplement.

The information in this preliminary prospectus is not complete and may be changed. These securities may not be sold until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This preliminary prospectus is not an offer to sell nor does it seek an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Subject to Completion, dated April 28, 2022.

PROSPECTUS



\$200,000,000 American Depositary Shares Representing Ordinary Shares

We may offer and sell up to \$200,000,000 in the aggregate of the securities identified above from time to time in one or more offerings. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities

Each time we offer and sell securities, we will provide a supplement to this prospectus that contains specific information about the offering and the amounts, prices and terms of the securities. The supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus with respect to that offering. You should carefully read this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement before you invest in any of our securities.

We may offer and sell the securities described in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement to or through one or more underwriters, dealers and agents, or directly to purchasers, or through a combination of these methods. If any underwriters, dealers or agents are involved in the sale of any of the securities, their names and any applicable purchase price, fee, commission or discount arrangement between or among them will be set forth, or will be calculable from the information set forth, in the applicable prospectus supplement. See the sections of this prospectus entitled "About this Prospectus" and "Plan of Distribution" for more information. No securities may be sold without delivery of this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement describing the method and terms of the offering of such securities.

ADSs representing our ordinary shares are listed on The Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol "GRCL." On April 27, 2022, the last reported sale price of ADSs on The Nasdaq Global Select Market was \$2.21 per

INVESTING IN OUR SECURITIES INVOLVES RISKS. SEE THE "RISK FACTORS" SECTION ON PAGE 7 OF THIS PROSPECTUS AND ANY SIMILAR SECTION CONTAINED IN THE APPLICABLE PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT CONCERNING FACTORS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BEFORE INVESTING IN OUR SECURITIES.

Gracell Biotechnologies Inc., or Gracell Cayman, is a Cayman Islands holding company that conducts a significant portion of its operations through its wholly-owned subsidiaries in the United States, Hong Kong and China, as well as its variable interest entity, or VIE, and the VIE's subsidiary. The VIE structure is used to provide investors with exposure to foreign investment in China-based companies where PRC law prohibits direct foreign investment in the operating companies in China. PRC laws and regulations restrict and impose conditions on foreign investment in development and application of human stem cell or gene diagnostic and therapeutic technologies. Accordingly, these businesses are operated by the VIE and the VIE's subsidiary in Cinia. Neither Gracell Cayman nor its subsidiaries own any equity interest or direct foreign investment in the VIE, Gracell Biotechnologies (Shanghai) Co., Ltd., or Shanghai Gracell Biotech, and the VIE's subsidiary, Suzhou Gracell Biotechnologies Co., Ltd., or Suzhou Gracell Biotech. Instead, Gracell Cayman relies on contractual arrangements among its PRC subsidiary, the VIE and the VIE's nominee shareholders, which allow Gracell Cayman to (i) exercise effective control over the VIE and the VIE's subsidiary; (ii) receive substantially all of the economic benefits of the VIE and the VIE's subsidiary; and (iii) have an exclusive option to purchase all or part of the equity interests in the VIE when and to the extent permitted by PRC law, to consolidate the financial results into a cordance with U.S. GAAP. For a detailed description of these contractual arrangements, see "Item 4. Information on the Company—C. Organizational Structure—Contractual Arrangements with the VIE and Its Shareholders" in our most recent annual report on Form 20-F, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus. As a result, investors in ADSs are not purchasing equity interest in the VIE or its subsidiary but instead are purchasing equity interest in the VIE or its subsidiary but instead are purcha

Our corporate structure is subject to risks associated with our contractual arrangements with the VIE. These contractual arrangements have not been tested in a court of law in the PRC. If the PRC government finds that these contractual arrangements do not comply with PRC laws and regulations, or if these regulations or the interpretation of existing regulations change or are interpreted differently in the future, we and the VIE could be subject to severe penalties or be forced to relinquish our interests in the operations of the VIE and its subsidiary. This would result in the VIE and its subsidiary being deconsolidated. As of December 31, 2019, 2020 and 2021, 41%, 24%, 15% of our assets were held by the VIE, respectively. An event that results in the deconsolidation of the VIE would have a material adverse effect on our operations and result in the value of the securities diminish substantially or even become worthless. There are substantial uncertainties regarding potential future actions by the PRC government that could affect the enforceability of the contractual arrangements with the VIE and, consequently, significantly affect the financial performance of the VIE and our company as a whole. For a detailed description of the risks associated with our corporate structure, see risks disclosed under "Item 3. Key Information—D. Risk Factors—Risks Related to Our Corporate Structure" in our most recent annual report on Form 20-F, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

We face various legal and operational risks and uncertainties related to doing business in China, including complex and evolving PRC laws and regulations. For example, we face risks associated with regulatory approvals on offshore offerings, the use of variable interest entities, anti-monopoly regulatory actions, and oversight on cybersecurity and data privacy, as well as the lack of inspection by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, or PCAOB, on our independent registered public accounting firm, which may impact our ability to conduct certain businesses, accept foreign investments, or list on a U.S. or other foreign exchange. These risks could result in a material adverse change in our operations and the value of the ADSs, significantly limit or completely hinder our ability to offer or continue to offer securities to investors and cause such securities to significantly decline in value or become worthless. For a detailed description of risks relating to doing business in China, see "Item 3. Key Information—D. Risk Factors—Risks Related to Doing Business in China" in our most recent annual report on Form 20-F, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

Under our current corporate structure, we may rely on dividend payments from our subsidiaries, to fund any cash and financing requirements we may have. As of the date of this prospectus, none of our subsidiaries have ever issued any dividends or made other distributions to us or their respective holding companies nor have we or any of our subsidiaries ever paid dividends or made other distributions to U.S. investors. We currently intend to retain all future earnings to finance business operations. As a result, we do not expect to pay any cash dividends in the foreseeable future. Any limitation on the ability of our subsidiaries to distribute dividends to us or on the ability of the VIE to make payments to us may restrict our ability to satisfy our liquidity requirements. If any of our subsidiaries incurs debt on its own behalf in the future, the instruments governing such debt may restrict their ability to pay dividends to us. To the extent cash in the business is in the PRC or a PRC entity and may need to be used to fund operations outside of the PRC, the funds may not be available due to limitations placed by the government. For more details, see "Item 3. Key Information—Restrictions and Limitations on Transfer of Cash" in our most recent annual report on Form 20-F, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

Our auditor, an independent registered public accounting firm, is located in China, a jurisdiction where the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, or the PCAOB, has determined on December 16, 2021 that it is unable to inspect or investigate completely PCAOB-registered public accounting firms without the approval of the Chinese authorities. Pursuant to the Holding Foreign Companies Accountable Act, or the HFCA Act, our securities will be prohibited from trading on any national securities exchange and in the over-the-counter market in the United States in 2024 if our auditor cannot be full inspected by the PCAOB for three consecutive years, or in 2023 if the Accelerating Holding Foreign Companies Accountable Act passed by the U.S. Senate on June 22, 2021 is passed by the U.S. House of Representatives and signed into law, which would reduce the time period under the HFCA Act to two consecutive years. The termination in or any restriction on the trading of our securities will significantly limit or completely hinder our ability to offer securities to investors or cause such securities to significantly decline in value or become worthless. For a detailed description of risks relating to doing business in China, see "Item 3. Key Information—D. Risk Factors—Risks Related to Doing Business in China" in our most recent annual report on Form 20-F, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

This prospectus may not be used to offer or sell any securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is , 2022.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, using a "shelf' registration process. By using a shelf registration statement, we may offer and sell securities from time to time and in one or more offerings up to a total dollar amount of \$200,000,000 as described in this prospectus. Each time that we offer and sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement to this prospectus that contains specific information about the securities being offered and sold and the specific terms of that offering. We may also authorize one or more free writing prospectuses to be provided to you that may contain material information relating to these offerings. The prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus with respect to that offering. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, you should rely on the prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, as applicable. Before purchasing any securities, you should carefully read both this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement (and any applicable free writing prospectuses), together with the additional information described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information; Incorporation by Reference."

We have not authorized anyone to provide you with any information or to make any representations other than those contained in this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement or any free writing prospectuses prepared by or on behalf of us or to which we have referred you. We take no responsibility for, and can provide no assurance as to the reliability of, any other information that others may give you. We will not make an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement to this prospectus is accurate only as of the date on its respective cover, that the information appearing in any applicable free writing prospectus is accurate only as of the date of that free writing prospectus, and that any information incorporated by reference is accurate only as of the date of the document incorporated by reference, unless we indicate otherwise. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates. This prospectus incorporates by reference, and any prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus may contain and incorporate by reference, market data and industry statistics and forecasts that are based on independent industry publications and other publicly available information. Although we believe these sources are reliable, we do not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of this information and we have not independently verified this information, in addition, the market and industry data and forecasts that may be included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement or any applicable free writing prospectus may involve estimates, assumptions and other risks and uncertainties and are subject to change based on various factors, including those discussed under the heading "Risk Factors" contained in this prospectus, the applicable prospectus supplement and any applicable free writing p

Unless the context otherwise requires, references to "Gracell Cayman" are to Gracell Biotechnologies Inc., a Cayman Islands exempted company; and references in this prospectus to "Gracell," "we," "us," "our company" and "our" are to Gracell Cayman and its subsidiaries, and in the context of describing our consolidated financial information, also include the VIE and its subsidiary.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION: INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

Available Information

We file reports and other information with the SEC. The SEC maintains a website that contains reports and other information about issuers, such as us, who file electronically with the SEC. The address of that website is www.sec.gov.

Our website address is www.gracellbio.com. The information on our website, however, is not, and should not be deemed to be, a part of this prospectus.

This prospectus and any prospectus supplement are part of a registration statement that we filed with the SEC and do not contain all of the information in the registration statement. The full registration statement may be obtained from the SEC or us, as provided below. Forms of the documents establishing the terms of the offered securities are or may be filed as exhibits to the registration statement or documents incorporated by reference in the registration statement. Statements in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement about these documents are summaries and each statement is qualified in all respects by reference to the document to which it refers. You should refer to the actual documents for a more complete description of the relevant matters. You may inspect a copy of the registration statement through the SEC's website, as provided above.

Incorporation by Reference

The SEC's rules allow us to "incorporate by reference" information into this prospectus, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document filed separately with the SEC. The information incorporated by reference is deemed to be part of this prospectus, and subsequent information that we file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede that information. Any statement contained in this prospectus or a previously filed document incorporated by reference will be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus or a subsequently filed document incorporated by reference modifies or replaces that statement.

This prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement incorporate by reference the documents set forth below that have previously been filed with the SEC (other than those documents or the portions of those documents not deemed to be filed):

- our annual report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2021, filed with the SEC on April 22, 2022; and
- the description of the securities contained in our registration statement on Form 8-A filed on January 4, 2021, pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act, together with all amendments and reports filed for the purpose of updating that description.

All reports and other documents we subsequently file pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which we refer to as the "Exchange Act" in this prospectus, prior to the termination of this offering, including all such documents we may file with the SEC after the date of the initial registration statement and prior to the effectiveness of the registration statement, will also be incorporated by reference into this prospectus and deemed to be part of this prospectus from the date of the filing of such reports and documents. We also incorporate by reference future reports on Form 6-K that we subsequently furnish to the SEC after the date of the initial registration statement and prior to the effectiveness of the registration statement that are identified in such reports as being incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

You may request a free copy of any of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus by writing or telephoning us at the following address:

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Exhibits to the filings will not be sent, however, unless those exhibits have specifically been incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement.

OUR COMPANY

Overview

We are a global clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company dedicated to discovering and developing breakthrough cell therapies to address major industry challenges and fulfill unmet medical needs in the treatment of cancer. We aim to disrupt conventional approaches to CAR-T cell therapies with our proprietary technology platforms—FasTCAR and TruUCAR.

- With FasTCAR, we are able to deliver younger, less exhausted T cells for autologous cell therapies with enhanced activities and next-day
 manufacturing versus the industry norm of two to six weeks. Our lead FasTCAR-enabled autologous product candidate, GC012F, has
 achieved high percentage of negative minimal residual disease, or MRD-, stringent complete responses, or sCR, in relapsed or refractory
 multiple myeloma, or r/r MM, patients in an ongoing investigator-initiated Phase 1 trial in China.
- With TruUCAR, we are able to derive T cells from non-HLA-matched healthy donors to generate allogeneic CAR-T cell therapies that are readily available off-the-shelf at lower cost for a broad patient base, including those less suitable for autologous CAR-T cell therapies. Our lead TruUCAR-enabled allogeneic product candidate, GC027, has achieved high percentage of complete responses, or CR, in relapsed or refractory T cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia, or r/r T-ALL, patients in an ongoing investigator-initiated Phase 1 trial in China.

In addition to our technology platforms, we utilize our proprietary technology modules, Dual CAR, and SMART CARTTM, to generate enhanced product candidates. With unique construct to take advantage of the suppressive tumor microenvironment, or TME, and effectively combat solid tumors, SMART CARTTM is designed to enhance CAR-T cell proliferation and duration of killing, and to resist exhaustion with improved persistence of CAR-T cells. Leveraging our pioneering platforms, technology modules, know-how and experience, we are developing a rich clinical-stage pipeline of multiple autologous and allogeneic product candidates that we believe will unlock the long-held promise of CAR-T cell therapies for a broad range of patients with advanced hematologic malignancies and solid tumors.

Corporate Information

In May 2018, we incorporated Gracell Biotechnologies Inc., or Gracell Cayman, under the laws of the Cayman Islands as our offshore holding company. Shortly after its incorporation, Gracell Cayman established a wholly owned subsidiary, Gracell Biotechnologies Holdings Limited, or Gracell BVI, under the laws of the British Virgin Islands in May 2018. Gracell BVI in turn established its wholly owned subsidiaries Gracell Biotechnologies (HK) Limited, or Gracell HK, and Gracell Biopharmaceuticals, Inc., or Gracell US, in June 2018 and February 2020, respectively. In August 2018, Gracell Bioscience (Shanghai) Co., Ltd., which we refer to as Gracell Bioscience or our wholly foreign-owned enterprise, or WFOE, in this prospectus, was incorporated as a PRC subsidiary wholly owned by Gracell HK. The WFOE incorporated its wholly owned PRC subsidiaries Gracell Bioscience (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. and Hainan Gracell Biomedicine Co., Ltd., in August 2020 and June 2021, respectively. In July 2021, Suzhou Gracell Bioscience Co., Ltd. was incorporated as a PRC subsidiary wholly owned by Gracell HK.

We obtained control over Shanghai Gracell Biotech, or our variable interest entity, or VIE, and its subsidiary through a series of contractual arrangements, as amended and restated, entered into among the WFOE, the VIE and shareholders of the VIE. As a result, we are regarded as the primary beneficiary of the VIE and its subsidiary. We treat the VIE and its subsidiary as our consolidated affiliated entities under U.S. GAAP and have consolidated the financial results of these entities in our consolidated financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

Our principal executive offices are located at Building 12, Block B, Phase II, Biobay Industrial Park, 218 Sangtian St., Suzhou Industrial Park, People's Republic of China. Our telephone number at this address is +86-512-6262-6701. Our registered office in the Cayman Islands is located at 4th Floor, Harbour Place, 103 South Church Street, P.O. Box 10240, Grand Cayman, KY1-1002, Cayman Islands. We have appointed Cogency Global Inc., located at 122 East 42nd Street, 18th Floor, New York, NY 10168, as our agent upon whom process may be served in any action brought against us under the securities laws of the United States in connection with offerings of securities registered by the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part. Investors should submit any inquiries to the address and telephone number of our principal executive offices.

Implications of Being a Foreign Private Issuer

Because we qualify as a foreign private issuer under the Exchange Act, we are exempt from certain provisions of the Exchange Act that are applicable to U.S. domestic public companies, including:

- the sections of the Exchange Act regulating the solicitation of proxies, consents or authorizations in respect of a security registered under the Exchange Act;
- the sections of the Exchange Act requiring insiders to file public reports of their share ownership and trading activities and liability for insiders who profit from trades made in a short period of time;
- the rules under the Exchange Act requiring the filing with the SEC of quarterly reports on Form 10-Q containing unaudited financial and other specified information, or current reports on Form 8-K, upon the occurrence of specified significant events; and
- the selective disclosure rules by issuers of material nonpublic information under Regulation FD.

We are required to file an annual report on Form 20-F within four months of the end of each fiscal year. The information we are required to file with or furnished to the SEC will be less extensive and less timely compared to that required to be filed with the SEC by U.S. domestic issuers. Foreign private issuers are also exempt from certain more stringent executive compensation disclosure rules. Thus, as long as we remain a foreign private issuer, we will continue to be exempt from the more stringent compensation disclosures required of companies that are neither an emerging growth company nor a foreign private issuer.

Implications of Being an Emerging Growth Company

As a company with less than \$1.07 billion in revenue for the last fiscal year, we qualify as an "emerging growth company" pursuant to the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012, or the JOBS Act. An emerging growth company may take advantage of specified reduced reporting and other requirements that are otherwise applicable generally to public companies. These provisions include exemption from the auditor attestation requirement under Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, or Section 404, related to the assessment of the effectiveness of the emerging growth company's internal control over financial reporting. We have elected to take advantage of such exemptions.

We will remain an emerging growth company until the earliest of (a) the last day of our fiscal year during which we have total annual gross revenues of at least \$1.07 billion; (b) the last day of our fiscal year following the fifth anniversary of the completion of this offering; (c) the date on which we have, during the previous three-year period, issued more than \$1.0 billion in non-convertible debt; or (d) the date on which we are deemed to be a "large accelerated filer" under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, which would occur if the market value of ADSs representing our ordinary shares that are held by non-affiliates exceeds \$700 million as of the last business day of our most recently completed second fiscal quarter. Once we cease to be an emerging growth company, we will not be entitled to the exemptions provided in the JOBS Act discussed above.

Permissions Required from the PRC Authorities for Our Issuance of Securities to Foreign Investors

The PRC government has recently indicated an intent to exert more oversight and control over offerings that are conducted overseas by and/or foreign investments in China-based issuers. For example, on December 24, 2021, the China Securities Regulatory Commission, or the CSRC, published the draft Administrative Provisions of the State Council on the Overseas Issuance and Listing of Securities by Domestic Companies (Draft for Comments), or the Draft Overseas Listing Regulations, and the draft Measures for the Overseas Issuance and Listing of Securities Record- filings by Domestic Companies (Draft for Comments), or the Draft Overseas Listing Measures, for public comments. These drafts stipulate that PRC domestic companies that seek to offer and list securities in overseas markets directly or indirectly shall complete the filing procedures with and report relevant information to the CSRC. For more detailed information, see "Item 3. Key Information – D. Risk Factors – Risks Related to Doing Business in China – The approval, filing or other requirements of the CSRC, the CAC or other PRC government authorities may be required under PRC law in connection with our issuance of securities overseas" in our most recent annual report on Form 20-F, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

In connection with our issuance of securities to foreign investors, under current PRC laws, regulations, and rules, as of the date of this prospectus, based on the legal advice of our PRC legal counsel, AllBright Law Offices, we, our PRC subsidiaries, the VIE, and the VIE's subsidiary, (i) are not required to obtain any permissions or approvals from the CSRC; and (ii) are not required to go through cybersecurity review by the CAC. However, there are substantial uncertainties regarding the interpretation and application of current and future PRC laws. Accordingly, a PRC government agency may take a view that is contrary to the above conclusion. In addition, we, our PRC subsidiaries, the VIE, and VIE's subsidiary have not been asked to obtain or denied such permissions by any PRC authority. In addition, as of the date of this prospectus, we have not received any inquiry, notice, warning, or sanctions regarding our corporate structure and contractual arrangements from the CSRC, CAC or any other PRC governmental agency.

RISK FACTORS

Investment in any securities offered pursuant to this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement involves risks. You should carefully consider the risk factors incorporated by reference to our most recent annual report on Form 20-F and all other information contained or incorporated by reference into this prospectus, as updated by our subsequent filings under the Exchange Act, and the risk factors and other information contained in the applicable prospectus supplement and any applicable free writing prospectus before acquiring any of such securities. The occurrence of any of these risks might cause you to lose all or part of your investment in the offered securities.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of the securities as set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

DESCRIPTION OF SHARE CAPITAL

We are a Cayman Islands exempted company incorporated with limited liability and our affairs are governed by our memorandum and articles of association, the Companies Act (as amended) of the Cayman Islands, which we refer to as the Companies Act below and the common law of the Cayman Islands.

As of the date of this prospectus, our authorized share capital will be \$50,000 divided into 500,000,000 shares, comprising of (i) 400,000,000 ordinary shares of a par value of \$0.0001 each, and (ii) 100,000,000 undesignated shares of a par value of \$0.0001 each of such class or classes (however designated) as our board of directors may determine in accordance with our current memorandum and articles of association, or Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The following are summaries of material provisions of our Memorandum and Articles of Association, insofar as they relate to the material terms of our ordinary shares.

Objects of Our Company. Under our amended and restated memorandum and articles of association, the objects of our company are unrestricted and we have the full power and authority to carry out any object not prohibited by the law of the Cayman Islands.

Ordinary Shares. Our ordinary shares are issued in registered form and are issued when registered in our register of shareholders. We may not issue shares to bearer. Our shareholders who are nonresidents of the Cayman Islands may freely hold and vote their shares.

Dividends. The holders of our ordinary shares are entitled to such dividends as may be declared by our board of directors. In addition, our shareholders may declare dividends by ordinary resolution, but no dividend shall exceed the amount recommended by our directors. Our amended and restated memorandum and articles of association provide that the directors may, before recommending or declaring any dividend, set aside out of the funds legally available for distribution such sums as they think proper as a reserve or reserves which shall, in the absolute discretion of the directors, be applicable for meeting contingencies or for equalizing dividends or for any other purpose to which those funds may be properly applied. Under the laws of the Cayman Islands, our company may pay a dividend out of either profit or the credit standing in our company's share premium account, provided that in no circumstances may a dividend be paid if this would result in our company being unable to pay its debts as they fall due in the ordinary course of business immediately following the date on which the distribution or dividend is paid.

Voting Rights. Holders of our ordinary shares shall be entitled to one vote per ordinary share. Voting at any shareholders' meeting is by show of hands unless a poll is demanded (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands). A poll may be demanded by the chairman of such meeting or any one or more shareholders who together hold not less than 10% of the votes attaching to the total shares which are present in person or by proxy at the meeting.

An ordinary resolution to be passed at a meeting by the shareholders requires the affirmative vote of a simple majority of the votes attaching to the ordinary shares cast at a meeting, while a special resolution requires the affirmative vote of no less than two-thirds of the votes cast attaching to the outstanding ordinary shares at a meeting. A special resolution will be required for important matters such as a change of name or making changes to our amended and restated memorandum and articles of association. Holders of the ordinary shares may, among other things, divide or combine their shares by ordinary resolution.

General Meetings of Shareholders. As a Cayman Islands exempted company, we are not obliged by the Companies Act to call shareholders' annual general meetings. Our amended and restated memorandum and articles of association provide that we may (but are not obliged to) in each year hold a general meeting as our annual general meeting in which case we shall specify the meeting as such in the notices calling it, and the annual general meeting shall be held at such time and place as may be determined by our directors.

Shareholders' general meetings may be convened by a majority of our board of directors. Advance notice of at least ten calendar days is required for the convening of our annual general shareholders' meeting (if any) and any other general meeting of our shareholders. A quorum required for any general meeting of shareholders consists of at least two holders of shares being not less than an aggregate of fifty percent (50%) of all votes attaching to all shares in issue and entitled to vote.

The Companies Act only provides shareholders with limited rights to requisition a general meeting, and does not provide shareholders with any right to put any proposal before general meeting. However, the Companies Act may provide shareholders with limited rights to requisition a general meeting, but such rights must be stipulated in the articles of association of our company.

Transfer of Ordinary Shares. Subject to the restrictions set out in our amended and restated memorandum and articles of association as set out below, any of our shareholders may transfer all or any of his or her ordinary shares by an instrument of transfer in the usual or common form or any other form approved by our board of directors.

Our board of directors may, in its absolute discretion, decline to register any transfer of any ordinary share which is not fully paid up or on which we have a lien. Our board of directors may also decline to register any transfer of any ordinary share unless:

- the instrument of transfer is lodged with us, accompanied by the certificate for the ordinary shares to which it relates and such other
 evidence as our board of directors may reasonably require to show the right of the transferor to make the transfer;
- the instrument of transfer is in respect of only one class of ordinary shares;
- the instrument of transfer is properly stamped, if required;
- in the case of a transfer to joint holders, the number of joint holders to whom the ordinary share is to be transferred does not exceed four;
- the ordinary shares transferred are free of any lien in favor of our company; and
- a fee of such maximum sum as The Nasdaq Global Select Market may determine to be payable or such lesser sum as our directors may
 from time to time require is paid to us in respect thereof.

If our directors refuse to register a transfer they shall, within three months after the date on which the instrument of transfer was lodged, send to each of the transferor and the transferee notice of such refusal.

The registration of transfers may, after compliance with any notice required of The Nasdaq Global Select Market, be suspended and our register of members closed at such times and for such periods as our board of directors may from time to time determine, provided, however, that the registration of transfers shall not be suspended nor the register of members closed for more than 30 days in any year as our board may determine.

Liquidation. On the winding up of our company, if the assets available for distribution amongst our shareholders shall be more than sufficient to repay the whole of the share capital at the commencement of the winding up, the surplus shall be distributed amongst our shareholders in proportion to the capital paid up at the commencement of the winding up on the shares held by them, respectively at the commencement of the winding up, subject to a deduction from those shares in respect of which there are monies due, of all monies payable to our company for unpaid calls or otherwise. If our assets available for distribution are insufficient to repay the whole of the share capital, the assets will be distributed so that the losses are borne by our shareholders in proportion to the capital paid up at the commencement of the winding up on the shares held by them, respectively.

Calls on Shares and Forfeiture of Shares. Our board of directors may from time to time make calls upon shareholders for any amounts unpaid on their shares in a notice served to such shareholders at least 14 days prior to the specified time and place of payment. The shares that have been called upon and remain unpaid are subject to forfeiture.

Redemption, Repurchase and Surrender of Shares. Subject to the Companies Act, our amended and restated memorandum and articles of association and to any applicable requirements imposed from time to time by the Nasdaq, the Securities and Exchange Commission, or by any other recognized stock exchange on which our securities are listed, we may issue shares on terms that such shares are subject to redemption, at our option or at the option of the holders of these shares, on such terms and in such manner as may be determined, before the issue of such shares, by our board of directors. Our company may also repurchase any of our shares on such terms and in such manner as have been approved by our board of directors or by an ordinary resolution of our shareholders. Under the Companies Act, the redemption or repurchase of any share may be paid out of our company's profits or out of the proceeds of a fresh issue of shares made for the purpose of such redemption or repurchase, or out of capital (including share premium account and capital redemption reserve) if our company can, immediately following such payment, pay its debts as they fall due in the ordinary course of business. In addition, under the Companies Act no such share may be redeemed or repurchased (a) unless it is fully paid up, (b) if such redemption or repurchase would result in there being no shares outstanding or (c) if the company has commenced liquidation. In addition, our company may accept the surrender of any fully paid share for no consideration.

Variations of Rights of Shares. Whenever the capital of our company is divided into different classes, the rights attached to any such class or series of shares (unless otherwise provided by the terms of issue of the shares of that class or series), whether or not our company is being wound-up, may be varied with the consent in writing of the holders of three-fourths of the issued shares of that class or series or with the sanction of a special resolution passed at a separate meeting of the holders of the shares of the class or series. The rights conferred upon the holders of the shares of any class issued shall not, unless otherwise expressly provided by the terms of issue of the shares of that class, be deemed to be varied by the creation or issue of further shares ranking pari passu with such existing class of shares.

Issuance of Additional Shares. Our amended and restated memorandum of association authorizes our board of directors to issue additional ordinary shares from time to time as our board of directors shall determine, to the extent of available authorized but unissued shares, without the need for any approval or consent from our shareholders.

Our amended and restated memorandum of association also authorizes our board of directors, without the need for any approval or consent from our shareholders, to establish from time to time one or more series of preferred shares and to determine, with respect to any series of preferred shares, the terms and rights of that series, including:

- the designation of the series;
- the number of shares of the series;
- the dividend rights, dividend rates, conversion rights, voting rights;
- the rights and terms of redemption and liquidation preferences; and
- any other powers, preferences and relative, participating, optional and other special rights.

Our board of directors may issue preferred shares without the need for any approval or consent from, or other action by our shareholders to the extent authorized but unissued. Issuance of these shares may dilute the voting power of holders of ordinary shares.

Inspection of Books and Records. Holders of our ordinary shares will have no general right under Cayman Islands law to inspect or obtain copies of list of shareholders or our corporate records (save for our memorandum and articles of association and our register of mortgages and charges). However, we will provide our shareholders with annual audited financial statements. See "Where You Can Find Additional Information."

Anti-Takeover Provisions. Some provisions of our amended and restated memorandum and articles of association may discourage, delay or prevent a change of control of our company or management that shareholders may consider favorable, including provisions that:

- authorize our board of directors to issue preferred shares in one or more series and to designate the price, rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions of such preferred shares without any further vote or action by our shareholders; and
- limit the ability of shareholders to requisition and convene general meetings of shareholders.

However, under Cayman Islands law, our directors may only exercise the rights and powers granted to them under our amended and restated memorandum and articles of association for a proper purpose and for what they believe in good faith to be in the best interests of our company.

Exempted Company. We are an exempted company with limited liability incorporated under the Companies Act. The Companies Act distinguishes between ordinary resident companies and exempted companies. Any company that is registered in the Cayman Islands but conducts business mainly outside of the Cayman Islands may apply to be registered as an exempted company. The requirements for an exempted company are essentially the same as for an ordinary company except that an exempted company:

- does not have to file an annual return of its shareholders with the Registrar of Companies;
- is not required to open its register of members for inspection;
- does not have to hold an annual general meeting;
- may issue negotiable or bearer shares or shares with no par value;
- may obtain an undertaking against the imposition of any future taxation (such undertakings are usually given for 20 years in the first instance);
- may register by way of continuation in another jurisdiction and be deregistered in the Cayman Islands;
- may register as a limited duration company; and
- may register as a segregated portfolio company.

"Limited liability" means that the liability of each shareholder is limited to the amount unpaid by the shareholder on the shares of the company (except in exceptional circumstances, such as involving fraud, the establishment of an agency relationship or an illegal or improper purpose or other circumstances in which a court may be prepared to pierce or lift the corporate veil).

DESCRIPTION OF AMERICAN DEPOSITARY SHARES

American Depositary Shares

The Bank of New York Mellon, as depositary, will register and deliver American Depositary Shares, also referred to as ADSs. Each ADS will represent five ordinary shares (or a right to receive five ordinary shares) deposited with The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Limited, as custodian for the depositary in Hong Kong. Each ADS will also represent any other securities, cash or other property that may be held by the depositary. The deposited shares together with any other securities, cash or other property held by the depositary are referred to as the deposited securities. The depositary's office at which the ADSs will be administered and its principal executive office are located at 240 Greenwich Street, New York, New York 10286.

You may hold ADSs either (A) directly (i) by having an American Depositary Receipt, also referred to as an ADR, which is a certificate evidencing a specific number of ADSs, registered in your name, or (ii) by having uncertificated ADSs registered in your name, or (B) indirectly by holding a security entitlement in ADSs through your broker or other financial institution that is a direct or indirect participant in The Depository Trust Company, also called DTC. If you hold ADSs directly, you are a registered ADS holder, also referred to as an ADS holder. This description assumes you are an ADS holder. If you hold the ADSs indirectly, you must rely on the procedures of your broker or other financial institution to assert the rights of ADS holders described in this section. You should consult with your broker or financial institution to find out what those procedures are.

Registered holders of uncertificated ADSs will receive statements from the depositary confirming their holdings.

As an ADS holder, we will not treat you as one of our shareholders and you will not have shareholder rights. Cayman Islands law governs shareholder rights. The depositary will be the holder of the shares underlying your ADSs. As a registered holder of ADSs, you will have ADS holder rights. A deposit agreement among us, the depositary, ADS holders and all other persons indirectly or beneficially holding ADSs sets out ADS holder rights as well as the rights and obligations of the depositary. New York law governs the deposit agreement and the ADSs.

The following is a summary of the material provisions of the deposit agreement. For more complete information, you should read the entire deposit agreement and the form of ADR.

Dividends and Other Distributions

How will you receive dividends and other distributions on the shares?

The depositary has agreed to pay or distribute to ADS holders the cash dividends or other distributions it or the custodian receives on shares or other deposited securities, upon payment or deduction of its fees and expenses. You will receive these distributions in proportion to the number of shares your ADSs represent.

• Cash. The depositary will convert any cash dividend or other cash distribution we pay on the shares into U.S. dollars, if it can do so on a reasonable basis and can transfer the U.S. dollars to the United States. If that is not possible or if any government approval is needed and cannot be obtained, the deposit agreement allows the depositary to distribute the foreign currency only to those ADS holders to whom it is possible to do so. It will hold the foreign currency it cannot convert for the account of the ADS holders who have not been paid. It will not invest the foreign currency and it will not be liable for any interest.

Before making a distribution, any withholding taxes, or other governmental charges that must be paid will be deducted. The depositary will distribute only whole U.S. dollars and cents and will round fractional cents to the nearest whole cent. If the exchange rates fluctuate during a time when the depositary cannot convert the foreign currency, you may lose some of the value of the distribution.

- Shares. The depositary may distribute additional ADSs representing any shares we distribute as a dividend or free distribution. The depositary will only distribute whole ADSs. It will sell shares which would require it to deliver a fraction of an ADS (or ADSs representing those shares) and distribute the net proceeds in the same way as it does with cash. If the depositary does not distribute additional ADSs, the outstanding ADSs will also represent the new shares. The depositary may sell a portion of the distributed shares (or ADSs representing those shares) sufficient to pay its fees and expenses in connection with that distribution.
- Rights to purchase additional shares. If we offer holders of our securities any rights to subscribe for additional shares or any other rights, the depositary may (i) exercise those rights on behalf of ADS holders, (ii) distribute those rights to ADS holders or (iii) sell those rights and distribute the net proceeds to ADS holders, in each case after deduction or upon payment of its fees and expenses. To the extent the depositary does not do any of those things, it will allow the rights to lapse. In that case, you will receive no value for them. The depositary will exercise or distribute rights only if we ask it to and provide satisfactory assurances to the depositary that it is legal to do so. If the depositary will exercise rights, it will purchase the securities to which the rights relate and distribute those securities or, in the case of shares, new ADSs representing the new shares, to subscribing ADS holders, but only if ADS holders have paid the exercise price to the depositary. U.S. securities laws may restrict the ability of the depositary to distribute rights or ADSs or other securities issued on exercise of rights to all or certain ADS holders, and the securities distributed may be subject to restrictions on transfer.
- Other Distributions. The depositary will send to ADS holders anything else we distribute on deposited securities by any means it thinks is legal, fair and practical. If it cannot make the distribution in that way, the depositary has a choice. It may decide to sell what we distributed and distribute the net proceeds, in the same way as it does with cash. Or, it may decide to hold what we distributed, in which case ADSs will also represent the newly distributed property. However, the depositary is not required to distribute any securities (other than ADSs) to ADS holders unless it receives satisfactory evidence from us that it is legal to make that distribution. The depositary may sell a portion of the distributed securities or property sufficient to pay its fees and expenses in connection with that distribution. U.S. securities laws may restrict the ability of the depositary to distribute securities to all or certain ADS holders, and the securities distributed may be subject to restrictions on transfer.

The depositary is not responsible if it decides that it is unlawful or impractical to make a distribution available to any ADS holders. We have no obligation to register ADSs, shares, rights or other securities under the Securities Act. We also have no obligation to take any other action to permit the distribution of ADSs, shares, rights or anything else to ADS holders. This means that you may not receive the distributions we make on our shares or any value for them if it is illegal or impractical for us to make them available to you.

Deposit, Withdrawal and Cancellation

How are ADSs issued?

The depositary will deliver ADSs if you or your broker deposits shares or evidence of rights to receive shares with the custodian. Upon payment of its fees and expenses and of any taxes or charges, such as stamp taxes or stock transfer taxes or fees, the depositary will register the appropriate number of ADSs in the names you request and will deliver the ADSs to or upon the order of the person or persons that made the deposit.

How can ADS holders withdraw the deposited securities?

You may surrender your ADSs to the depositary for the purpose of withdrawal. Upon payment of its fees and expenses and of any taxes or charges, such as stamp taxes or stock transfer taxes or fees, the depositary will deliver the shares and any other deposited securities underlying the ADSs to the ADS holder or a person the ADS holder designates at the office of the custodian. Or, at your request, risk and expense, the depositary will deliver

the deposited securities at its office, if feasible. However, the depositary is not required to accept surrender of ADSs to the extent it would require delivery of a fraction of a deposited share or other security. The depositary may charge you a fee and its expenses for instructing the custodian regarding delivery of deposited securities.

How do ADS holders interchange between certificated ADSs and uncertificated ADSs?

You may surrender your ADR to the depositary for the purpose of exchanging your ADR for uncertificated ADSs. The depositary will cancel that ADR and will send to the ADS holder a statement confirming that the ADS holder is the registered holder of uncertificated ADSs. Upon receipt by the depositary of a proper instruction from a registered holder of uncertificated ADSs requesting the exchange of uncertificated ADSs for certificated ADSs, the depositary will execute and deliver to the ADS holder an ADR evidencing those ADSs.

Voting Rights

How do you vote?

ADS holders may instruct the depositary how to vote the number of deposited shares their ADSs represent. If we request the depositary to solicit your voting instructions (and we are not required to do so), the depositary will notify you of a shareholders' meeting and send or make voting materials available to you. Those materials will describe the matters to be voted on and explain how ADS holders may instruct the depositary how to vote. For instructions to be valid, they must reach the depositary by a date set by the depositary. The depositary will try, as far as practical, subject to the laws of the Cayman Islands and the provisions of our articles of association or similar documents, to vote or to have its agents vote the shares or other deposited securities as instructed by ADS holders. If we do not request the depositary to solicit your voting instructions, you can still send voting instructions, and, in that case, the depositary may try to vote as you instruct, but it is not required to do so.

Except by instructing the depositary as described above, you won't be able to exercise voting rights unless you surrender your ADSs and withdraw the shares. However, you may not know about the meeting enough in advance to withdraw the shares. In any event, the depositary will not exercise any discretion in voting deposited securities and it will only vote or attempt to vote as instructed, or as described in the following sentence. If (i) we ask the depositary to solicit your instructions at least 30 days before the meeting date, (ii) the depositary does not receive voting instructions from you by the specified date and (iii) we confirm to the depositary that:

- we wish to receive a proxy to vote uninstructed shares;
- we reasonably do not know of any substantial shareholder opposition to a particular question; and
- the particular question is not materially adverse to the interests of shareholders,

the depositary will consider you to have authorized and directed it to give, and it will give, a discretionary proxy to a person designated by us to vote the number of deposited securities represented by your ADSs as to that question.

We cannot assure you that you will receive the voting materials in time to ensure that you can instruct the depositary to vote your shares. In addition, the depositary and its agents are not responsible for failing to carry out voting instructions or for the manner of carrying out voting instructions. This means that you may not be able to exercise voting rights and there may be nothing you can do if your shares are not voted as you requested.

In order to give you a reasonable opportunity to instruct the depositary as to the exercise of voting rights relating to Deposited Securities, if we request the depositary to act, we agree to give the depositary notice of any such meeting and details concerning the matters to be voted upon at least 30 days in advance of the meeting date.

Fees and Expenses

deposited securities

Persons denositing or withdrawing shares or ADS

Any charges incurred by the depositary or its agents for servicing the

An ADS holder will be required to pay the following service fees to the depositary bank and certain taxes and governmental charges (in addition to any applicable fees, expenses, taxes and other governmental charges payable on the deposited securities represented by any of the ADSs):

Persons depositing or withdrawing shares or ADS holders must pay:	For				
\$5.00 (or less) per 100 ADSs (or portion of 100 ADSs)	Issuance of ADSs, including issuances resulting from a distribution of shares or rights or other property				
	Cancellation of ADSs for the purpose of withdrawal, including if the deposit agreement terminates				
\$0.05 (or less) per ADS	Any cash distribution to ADS holders				
A fee equivalent to the fee that would be payable if securities distributed to you had been shares and the shares had been deposited for issuance of ADSs	Distribution of securities distributed to holders of deposited securities (including rights) that are distributed by the depositary to ADS holders				
\$0.05 (or less) per ADS per calendar year	Depositary services				
Registration or transfer fees	Transfer and registration of shares on our share register to or from the name of the depositary or its agent when you deposit or withdraw shares				
Expenses of the depositary	Cable (including SWIFT) and facsimile transmissions (when expressly provided in the deposit agreement)				
	Converting foreign currency to U.S. dollars				
Taxes and other governmental charges the depositary or the custodian has to pay on any ADSs or shares underlying ADSs, such as stock transfer taxes, stamp duty or withholding taxes	As necessary				

The depositary collects its fees for delivery and surrender of ADSs directly from investors depositing shares or surrendering ADSs for the purpose of withdrawal or from intermediaries acting for them. The depositary collects fees for making distributions to investors by deducting those fees from the amounts distributed or by selling a portion of distributable property to pay the fees. The depositary may collect its annual fee for depositary services by deduction from cash distributions or by directly billing investors or by charging the book-entry system accounts of participants acting for them. The depositary may collect any of its fees by deduction from any cash distribution payable (or by selling a portion of securities or other property distributable) to ADS holders that are obligated to pay those fees. The depositary may generally refuse to provide fee-attracting services until its fees for those services are paid.

As necessary

From time to time, the depositary may make payments to us to reimburse us for costs and expenses generally arising out of establishment and maintenance of the ADS program, waive fees and expenses for services provided to us by the depositary or share revenue from the fees collected from ADS holders. In performing its duties under the deposit agreement, the depositary may use brokers, dealers, foreign currency dealers or other service providers that are owned by or affiliated with the depositary and that may earn or share fees, spreads or commissions.

The depositary may convert currency itself or through any of its affiliates, or the custodian or we may convert currency and pay U.S. dollars to the depositary. Where the depositary converts currency itself or through any of its affiliates, the depositary acts as principal for its own account and not as agent, advisor, broker or fiduciary on behalf of any other person and earns revenue, including, without limitation, transaction spreads, that it will retain for its own account. The revenue is based on, among other things, the difference between the exchange rate assigned to the currency conversion made under the deposit agreement and the rate that the depositary or its affiliate receives when buying or selling foreign currency for its own account. The depositary makes no representation that the exchange rate used or obtained by it or its affiliate in any currency conversion under the deposit agreement will be the most favorable rate that could be obtained at the time or that the method by which that rate will be determined will be the most favorable to ADS holders, subject to the depositary's obligation to act without negligence or bad faith. The methodology used to determine exchange rates used in currency conversions made by the depositary is available upon request. Where the custodian converts currency, the custodian has no obligation to obtain the most favorable rate that could be obtained at the time or to ensure that the method by which that rate will be determined will be the most favorable to ADS holders, and the depositary makes no representation that the rate is the most favorable rate and will not be liable for any direct or indirect losses associated with the rate. In certain instances, the depositary may receive dividends or other distributions from us in U.S. dollars that represent the proceeds of a conversion of foreign currency or translation from foreign currency at a rate that was obtained or determined by us and, in such cases, the depositary will not engage in, or be responsible for, any for

Payment of Taxes

You will be responsible for any taxes or other governmental charges payable on your ADSs or on the deposited securities represented by any of your ADSs. The depositary may refuse to register any transfer of your ADSs or allow you to withdraw the deposited securities represented by your ADSs until those taxes or other charges are paid. It may apply payments owed to you or sell deposited securities represented by your ADSs to pay any taxes owed and you will remain liable for any deficiency. If the depositary sells deposited securities, it will, if appropriate, reduce the number of ADSs to reflect the sale and pay to ADS holders any proceeds, or send to ADS holders any property, remaining after it has paid the taxes.

Tender and Exchange Offers; Redemption, Replacement or Cancellation of Deposited Securities

The depositary will not tender deposited securities in any voluntary tender or exchange offer unless instructed to do so by an ADS holder surrendering ADSs and subject to any conditions or procedures the depositary may establish.

If deposited securities are redeemed for cash in a transaction that is mandatory for the depositary as a holder of deposited securities, the depositary will call for surrender of a corresponding number of ADSs and distribute the net redemption money to the holders of called ADSs upon surrender of those ADSs.

If there is any change in the deposited securities such as a sub-division, combination or other reclassification, or any merger, consolidation, recapitalization or reorganization affecting the issuer of deposited securities in which the depositary receives new securities in exchange for or in lieu of the old deposited securities, the depositary will hold those replacement securities as deposited securities under the deposit agreement. However, if the depositary decides it would not be lawful and practical to hold the replacement securities because those securities could not be distributed to ADS holders or for any other reason, the depositary may instead sell the replacement securities and distribute the net proceeds upon surrender of the ADSs.

If there is a replacement of the deposited securities and the depositary will continue to hold the replacement securities, the depositary may distribute new ADSs representing the new deposited securities or ask you to surrender your outstanding ADRs in exchange for new ADRs identifying the new deposited securities.

If there are no deposited securities underlying ADSs, including if the deposited securities are cancelled, or if the deposited securities underlying ADSs have become apparently worthless, the depositary may call for surrender of those ADSs or cancel those ADSs upon notice to the ADS holders.

Amendment and Termination

How may the deposit agreement be amended?

We may agree with the depositary to amend the deposit agreement and the ADRs without your consent for any reason. If an amendment adds or increases fees or charges, except for taxes and other governmental charges or expenses of the depositary for registration fees, facsimile costs, delivery charges or similar items, or prejudices a substantial right of ADS holders, it will not become effective for outstanding ADSs until 30 days after the depositary notifies ADS holders of the amendment. At the time an amendment becomes effective, you are considered, by continuing to hold your ADSs, to agree to the amendment and to be bound by the ADRs and the deposit agreement as amended.

How may the deposit agreement be terminated?

The depositary will initiate termination of the deposit agreement if we instruct it to do so. The depositary may initiate termination of the deposit agreement if

- 60 days have passed since the depositary told us it wants to resign but a successor depositary has not been appointed and accepted its appointment;
- we delist the ADSs from an exchange in the United States on which they were listed and do not list the ADSs on another exchange in the United States or make arrangements for trading of ADSs on the U.S. over-the-counter market;
- we delist our shares from an exchange outside the United States on which they were listed and do not list the shares on another exchange outside the United States;
- the depositary has reason to believe the ADSs have become, or will become, ineligible for registration on Form F-6 under the Securities Act of 1933:
- we appear to be insolvent or enter insolvency proceedings;
- all or substantially all the value of the deposited securities has been distributed either in cash or in the form of securities;
- there are no deposited securities underlying the ADSs or the underlying deposited securities have become apparently worthless; or
- there has been a replacement of deposited securities.

If the deposit agreement will terminate, the depositary will notify ADS holders at least 90 days before the termination date. At any time after the termination date, the depositary may sell the deposited securities. After that, the depositary will hold the money it received on the sale, as well as any other cash it is holding under the deposit agreement, unsegregated and without liability for interest, for the pro rata benefit of the ADS holders that have not surrendered their ADSs. Normally, the depositary will sell as soon as practicable after the termination date.

After the termination date and before the depositary sells, ADS holders can still surrender their ADSs and receive delivery of deposited securities, except that the depositary may refuse to accept a surrender for the purpose of withdrawing deposited securities or reverse previously accepted surrenders of that kind that have not settled if it would interfere with the selling process. The depositary may refuse to accept a surrender for the purpose of withdrawing sale proceeds until all the deposited securities have been sold. The depositary will

continue to collect distributions on deposited securities, but, after the termination date, the depositary is not required to register any transfer of ADSs or distribute any dividends or other distributions on deposited securities to the ADSs holder (until they surrender their ADSs) or give any notices or perform any other duties under the deposit agreement except as described in this paragraph.

Limitations on Obligations and Liability

Limits on our Obligations and the Obligations of the Depositary; Limits on Liability to Holders of ADSs

The deposit agreement expressly limits our obligations and the obligations of the depositary. It also limits our liability and the liability of the depositary. We and the depositary:

- are only obligated to take the actions specifically set forth in the deposit agreement without negligence or bad faith, and the depositary will
 not be a fiduciary or have any fiduciary duty to holders of ADSs;
- are not liable if we are or it is prevented or delayed by law or by events or circumstances beyond our or its ability to prevent or counteract with reasonable care or effort from performing our or its obligations under the deposit agreement;
- are not liable if we or it exercises discretion permitted under the deposit agreement;
- are not liable for the inability of any holder of ADSs to benefit from any distribution on deposited securities that is not made available to holders of ADSs under the terms of the deposit agreement, or for any special, consequential or punitive damages for any breach of the terms of the deposit agreement;
- have no obligation to become involved in a lawsuit or other proceeding related to the ADSs or the deposit agreement on your behalf or on behalf of any other person;
- may rely upon any documents we believe or it believes in good faith to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper person;
- are not liable for the acts or omissions of any securities depository, clearing agency or settlement system; and
- the depositary has no duty to make any determination or provide any information as to our tax status, or any liability for any tax consequences that may be incurred by ADS holders as a result of owning or holding ADSs or be liable for the inability or failure of an ADS holder to obtain the benefit of a foreign tax credit, reduced rate of withholding or refund of amounts withheld in respect of tax or any other tax benefit.

In the deposit agreement, we and the depositary agree to indemnify each other under certain circumstances.

Requirements for Depositary Actions

Before the depositary will deliver or register a transfer of ADSs, make a distribution on ADSs, or permit withdrawal of shares, the depositary may require:

- payment of stock transfer or other taxes or other governmental charges and transfer or registration fees charged by third parties for the transfer of any shares or other deposited securities;
- · satisfactory proof of the identity and genuineness of any signature or other information it deems necessary; and
- compliance with regulations it may establish, from time to time, consistent with the deposit agreement, including presentation of transfer documents.

The depositary may refuse to deliver ADSs or register transfers of ADSs when the transfer books of the depositary or our transfer books are closed or at any time if the depositary or we think it advisable to do so.

Your Right to Receive the Shares Underlying your ADSs

ADS holders have the right to cancel their ADSs and withdraw the underlying shares at any time except:

- when temporary delays arise because: (i) the depositary has closed its transfer books or we have closed our transfer books; (ii) the transfer of shares is blocked to permit voting at a shareholders' meeting; or (iii) we are paying a dividend on our shares;
- when you owe money to pay fees, taxes and similar charges; or
- when it is necessary to prohibit withdrawals in order to comply with any laws or governmental regulations that apply to ADSs or to the withdrawal of shares or other deposited securities.

This right of withdrawal may not be limited by any other provision of the deposit agreement.

Direct Registration System

In the deposit agreement, all parties to the deposit agreement acknowledge that the Direct Registration System, also referred to as DRS, and Profile Modification System, also referred to as Profile, will apply to the ADSs. DRS is a system administered by DTC that facilitates interchange between registered holding of uncertificated ADSs and holding of security entitlements in ADSs through DTC and a DTC participant. Profile is a feature of DRS that allows a DTC participant, claiming to act on behalf of a registered holder of uncertificated ADSs, to direct the depositary to register a transfer of those ADSs to DTC or its nominee and to deliver those ADSs to the DTC account of that DTC participant without receipt by the depositary of prior authorization from the ADS holder to register that transfer.

In connection with and in accordance with the arrangements and procedures relating to DRS/Profile, the parties to the deposit agreement understand that the depositary will not determine whether the DTC participant that is claiming to be acting on behalf of an ADS holder in requesting registration of transfer and delivery as described in the paragraph above has the actual authority to act on behalf of the ADS holder (notwithstanding any requirements under the Uniform Commercial Code). In the deposit agreement, the parties agree that the depositary's reliance on and compliance with instructions received by the depositary through the DRS/Profile system and in accordance with the deposit agreement will not constitute negligence or bad faith on the part of the depositary.

Shareholder communications; inspection of register of holders of ADSs

The depositary will make available for your inspection at its office all communications that it receives from us as a holder of deposited securities that we make generally available to holders of deposited securities. The depositary will send you copies of those communications or otherwise make those communications available to you if we ask it to. You have a right to inspect the register of holders of ADSs, but not for the purpose of contacting those holders about a matter unrelated to our business or the ADSs.

Jury Trial Waiver

The deposit agreement provides that, to the extent permitted by law, ADS holders waive the right to a jury trial of any claim they may have against us or the depositary arising out of or relating to our shares, the ADSs or the deposit agreement, including any claim under the U.S. federal securities laws. If we or the depositary opposed a jury trial demand based on the waiver, the court would determine whether the waiver was enforceable in the facts and circumstances of that case in accordance with applicable case law. You will not, by agreeing to the terms of the deposit agreement, be deemed to have waived our or the depositary's compliance with U.S. federal securities laws or the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

TAXATION

Certain tax considerations relating to the purchase, ownership and disposition of any of the securities offered by this prospectus will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement relating to the offering of those securities.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell the securities from time to time pursuant to underwritten public offerings, negotiated transactions, block trades or a combination of these methods or through underwriters or dealers, through agents and/or directly to one or more purchasers. The securities may be distributed from time to time in one or more transactions:

- at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed;
- at market prices prevailing at the time of sale;
- · at prices related to such prevailing market prices; or
- at negotiated prices.

Each time that we sell securities covered by this prospectus, we will provide a prospectus supplement or supplements that will describe the method of distribution and set forth the terms and conditions of the offering of such securities, including the offering price of the securities and the proceeds to us, if applicable.

Offers to purchase the securities being offered by this prospectus may be solicited directly. Agents may also be designated to solicit offers to purchase the securities from time to time. Any agent involved in the offer or sale of our securities will be identified in a prospectus supplement.

If a dealer is utilized in the sale of the securities being offered by this prospectus, the securities will be sold to the dealer, as principal. The dealer may then resell the securities to the public at varying prices to be determined by the dealer at the time of resale.

If an underwriter is utilized in the sale of the securities being offered by this prospectus, an underwriting agreement will be executed with the underwriter at the time of sale and the name of any underwriter will be provided in the prospectus supplement that the underwriter will use to make resales of the securities to the public. In connection with the sale of the securities, we or the purchasers of securities for whom the underwriter may act as agent, may compensate the underwriter in the form of underwriting discounts or commissions. The underwriter may sell the securities to or through dealers, and those dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the underwriters and/or commissions from the purchasers for which they may act as agent.

Unless otherwise indicated in a prospectus supplement, an agent will be acting on a best efforts basis and a dealer will purchase securities as a principal, and may then resell the securities at varying prices to be determined by the dealer.

Any compensation paid to underwriters, dealers or agents in connection with the offering of the securities, and any discounts, concessions or commissions allowed by underwriters to participating dealers will be provided in the applicable prospectus supplement. Underwriters, dealers and agents participating in the distribution of the securities may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act and any discounts and commissions received by them and any profit realized by them on resale of the securities may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions. We may enter into agreements to indemnify underwriters, dealers and agents against civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribute to payments they may be required to make in respect thereof and to reimburse those persons for certain expenses.

To facilitate the offering of securities, certain persons participating in the offering may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of the securities. This may include over-allotments or short sales of the securities, which involve the sale by persons participating in the offering of more securities than were sold to them. In these circumstances, these persons would cover such over-allotments or short positions by making purchases in the open market or by exercising their over-allotment option, if any. In

addition, these persons may stabilize or maintain the price of the securities by bidding for or purchasing securities in the open market or by imposing penalty bids, whereby selling concessions allowed to dealers participating in the offering may be reclaimed if securities sold by them are repurchased in connection with stabilization transactions. The effect of these transactions may be to stabilize or maintain the market price of the securities at a level above that which might otherwise prevail in the open market. These transactions may be discontinued at any time.

We may engage in at the market offerings into an existing trading market in accordance with Rule 415(a)(4) under the Securities Act. In addition, we may enter into derivative transactions with third parties, or sell securities not covered by this prospectus to third parties in privately negotiated transactions. If the applicable prospectus supplement so indicates, in connection with those derivatives, the third parties may sell securities covered by this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, including in short sale transactions. If so, the third party may use securities pledged by us or borrowed from us or others to settle those sales or to close out any related open borrowings of securities, and may use securities received from us in settlement of those derivatives to close out any related open borrowings of securities. The third party in such sale transactions will be an underwriter and, if not identified in this prospectus, will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement (or a post-effective amendment). In addition, we may otherwise loan or pledge securities to a financial institution or other third party that in turn may sell the securities short using this prospectus and an applicable prospectus supplement. Such financial institution or other third party may transfer its economic short position to investors in our securities or in connection with a concurrent offering of other securities.

The specific terms of any lock-up provisions in respect of any given offering will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

The underwriters, dealers and agents may engage in transactions with us, or perform services for us, in the ordinary course of business for which they receive compensation.

ENFORCEABILITY OF CIVIL LIABILITIES

We are incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands as an exempted company with limited liability. We are incorporated in the Cayman Islands to take advantage of certain benefits associated with being a Cayman Islands exempted company, such as:

- political and economic stability;
- · an effective judicial system;
- tax neutrality;
- the absence of exchange control or currency restrictions; and
- the availability of professional and support services.

However, certain disadvantages accompany incorporation in the Cayman Islands. These disadvantages include but are not limited to:

- the Cayman Islands has a less developed body of securities laws as compared to the United States and these securities laws provide significantly less protection to investors as compared to those of the United States; and
- Cayman Islands companies may not have standing to sue before the federal courts of the United States.

Our constituent documents do not contain provisions requiring that disputes, including those arising under the securities laws of the United States, between us, our officers, directors and shareholders, be arbitrated.

Certain of our directors are nationals or residents of jurisdictions other than the United States and most of their assets are located outside the United States. As a result, it may be difficult for a shareholder to effect service of process within the United States upon these individuals, or to bring an action against us or these individuals in the United States, or to enforce against us or them judgments obtained in United States courts, including judgments predicated upon the civil liability provisions of the securities laws of the United States or any state in the United States.

We have appointed Cogency Global Inc., located at 122 East 42nd Street, 18th Floor, New York, NY 10168, as our agent upon whom process may be served in any action brought against us under the securities laws of the United States.

Cayman Islands

Harney Westwood & Riegels, our counsel as to Cayman Islands law, has advised us that there is uncertainty as to whether the courts of the Cayman Islands would (i) recognize or enforce judgments of U.S. courts obtained against us or our directors or officers that are predicated upon the civil liability provisions of the federal securities laws of the United States or the securities laws of any state in the United States, or (ii) entertain original actions brought in the Cayman Islands against us or our directors or officers that are predicated upon the federal securities laws of the United States or the securities laws of any state in the United States.

Harney Westwood & Riegels has informed us that although there is no statutory enforcement in the Cayman Islands of judgments obtained in the federal or state courts of the United States (and the Cayman Islands are not a party to any treaties for the reciprocal enforcement or recognition of such judgments), the courts of the Cayman Islands would recognize and enforce a final and conclusive judgement in personam obtained in federal or state courts in the United States under which a sum of money is payable (other than a sum of money payable in respect of multiple damages, taxes or other charges of a like nature, a fine or a penalty or similar fiscal or revenue obligations) or, in certain circumstances, an in personam judgment for non-monetary relief, and would give a

judgment based thereon provided that: (a) such courts had proper jurisdiction over the parties subject to such judgment; (b) such courts did not contravene the rules of the natural justice of Cayman Islands; (c) such judgment was not obtained by fraud; (d) such judgment was not obtained in a manner, and is not of a kind the enforcement of which, is contrary to natural justice or the public policy of the Cayman Islands; (e) no new admissible evidence relevant to the action is submitted prior to the rendering of the judgment by the courts of the Cayman Islands; and (f) there is due compliance with the correct procedures under the laws of the Cayman Islands. However, the Cayman Islands courts are unlikely to enforce a punitive judgment of a United States court predicated upon the civil liability provisions of the federal securities laws in the United States without retrial on the merits if such judgment is determined by the courts of the Cayman Islands to give rise to obligations to make payments that may be regarded as fines, penalties or punitive in nature.

PRC

AllBright Law Offices, our counsel as to PRC law, has advised us that there is uncertainty as to whether the courts of the PRC would (i) recognize or enforce judgments of U.S. courts obtained against us or our directors or officers that are predicated upon the civil liability provisions of the federal securities laws of the United States or the securities laws of any state in the United States, and (ii) entertain original actions brought in the PRC against us or our directors or officers that are predicated upon the federal securities laws of the United States or the securities laws of any state in the United States.

AllBright Law Offices has further advised us that the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments are provided for under the PRC Civil Procedure Law. PRC courts may recognize and enforce foreign judgments in accordance with the requirements of the PRC Civil Procedure Law based either on treaties between China and the country where the judgment is made or on principles of reciprocity between jurisdictions. As of the date of this prospectus, there exists no treaty or other forms of reciprocity between China and the United States or the Cayman Islands governing the recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments, including those predicated upon the liability provisions of the U.S. federal securities laws. In addition, under the PRC Civil Procedures Law, PRC courts will not enforce a foreign judgment against us or our directors and officers if they decide that the judgement violates the basic legal principles or national sovereignty, safety or social public interest. As a result, it is uncertain whether and on what basis a PRC court would enforce a judgment rendered by a court in the United States or in the Cayman Islands. Under the PRC Civil Procedures Law, foreign shareholders may originate actions based on PRC law before a PRC court against a company for disputes relating to contracts or other property interests, and the PRC court may accept a cause of action based on the laws or the parties' express mutual agreement in contracts choosing PRC courts for dispute resolution if such foreign shareholders can establish sufficient nexus to China for a PRC court to have jurisdiction and meet other procedural requirements, including, among others, that the plaintiff must have a direct interest in the case and that there must be a concrete claim, a factual basis, and a cause for the case. The PRC court will determine whether to accept the complaint in accordance with the PRC Civil Procedures Law. However, it will be difficult for U.S. shareholders to originate actions against us in China in accordance with PRC laws because we are incorporated under the laws of the Cayman Islands and it will be difficult for U.S. shareholders, by virtue only of holding our ordinary shares or ADSs representing our ordinary shares, to establish a connection to China for a PRC court to have jurisdiction as required under the PRC Civil Procedures Law.

EXPENSES

We will incur a SEC registration fee of \$18,540 and an FINRA filing fee of \$30,500 in connection with the offering of securities by this prospectus. We will also incur printing costs, legal fees and expenses, accounting fees and expenses, and other expenses in connection with these offering. These fees and expenses are calculated based on the securities offered and the number of issuances and accordingly are not estimated at this time. Fees and expenses of any of the securities offered by this prospectus will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement(s) relating to the offering of those securities.

LEGAL MATTERS

We are being represented by Cooley LLP with respect to certain legal matters of U.S. federal securities and New York State law. The validity of our ordinary shares and certain other matters of Cayman Islands law will be passed upon for us by Harney Westwood & Riegels. Certain legal matters as to PRC law will be passed upon for us by AllBright Law Offices. Cooley LLP may rely upon Harney Westwood & Riegels with respect to matters governed by Cayman Islands law and AllBright Law Offices with respect to matters governed by PRC law. Additional legal matters may be passed upon for us or any underwriters, dealers or agents, by counsel that we will name in the applicable prospectus supplement.

EXPERTS

The financial statements incorporated in this Prospectus by reference to the Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2021 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers Zhong Tian LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

The office of PricewaterhouseCoopers Zhong Tian LLP is located at 42/F New Bund Center, 588 Dongyu Road, Pudong New Area, Shanghai 200126, the People's Republic of China.

\$200,000,000 American Depositary Shares Representing Ordinary Shares



PROSPECTUS

The information in this prospectus supplement is not complete and may be changed. These securities may not be sold until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell nor does it seek an offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Subject to Completion, dated April 28, 2022.

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT



Gracell Biotechnologies Inc. Up to \$50,000,000 American Depositary Shares

Representing Ordinary Shares

We have entered into a sales agreement with Cantor Fitzgerald & Co., or Cantor, and BTIG, LLC, or BTIG, dated April 28, 2022, relating to the sale of American depositary shares, or ADSs, representing our ordinary shares, offered by this prospectus supplement. In accordance with the terms of the sales agreement, under this prospectus supplement we may offer and sell ADSs, each representing five of our ordinary shares, \$0.0001 par value per share, having an aggregate offering price of up to \$50,000,000 from time to time through Cantor and BTIG, acting as our sales agents.

ADSs representing our ordinary shares are listed on The Nasdaq Global Select Market under the symbol "GRCL." On April 27, 2022, the last reported sale price of ADSs on The Nasdaq Global Select Market was \$2.21 per ADS.

Sales of ADSs, if any, under this prospectus supplement will be made by any method permitted that is deemed an "at the market offering" as defined in Rule 415(a)(4) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act. Cantor and BTIG are not required to sell any specific amount, but will act as our sales agents using commercially reasonable efforts consistent with their normal trading and sales practices and applicable state and federal laws, rules and regulations and the rules of the Nasdaq, on mutually agreed terms between the sales agents and us. There is no arrangement for funds to be received in any escrow, trust or similar arrangement.

The aggregate compensation payable to Cantor and BTIG as sales agents equals 3.0% of the gross sales price of ADSs sold pursuant to the sales agreement. See "Plan of Distribution" beginning on page S-23 for additional information regarding the compensation to be paid to Cantor and BTIG. In connection with the sale of ADSs on our behalf, each of Cantor and BTIG will be deemed to be an "underwriter" within the meaning of the Securities Act and the compensation of Cantor and BTIG will be deemed to be underwriting commissions or discounts. We have also agreed in the Sales Agreement to provide indemnification and contribution to the Sales Agents with respect to certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act.

Investing in our securities involves risks. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page S-8 of this prospectus supplement and in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement concerning factors you should consider before investing in the ADSs.

Gracell Biotechnologies Inc., or Gracell Cayman, is a Cayman Islands holding company that conducts a significant portion of its operations through its wholly-owned subsidiaries in the United States, Hong Kong and China, as well as its variable interest entity, or VIE, and the VIE's subsidiary. The VIE structure is used to provide investors with exposure to foreign investment in China-based companies where PRC law prohibits direct foreign investment in the poperating companies in China. PRC laws and regulations restrict and impose conditions on foreign investment in development and application of human stem cell or gene diagnostic and therapeutic technologies. Accordingly, these businesses are operated by the VIE and the VIE's subsidiary in China. Neither Gracell Cayman nor its subsidiaries own any equity interest or direct foreign investment in the VIE, Gracell Biotechnologies (Shanghai) Co., Ltd., or Shanghai Gracell Biotech, and the VIE's subsidiary, Suzhou Gracell Biotechnologies Co., Ltd., or Suzhou Gracell Biotech. Instead, Gracell Cayman relies on contractual arrangements among its PRC Subsidiary; and (iii) have an exclusive option to purchase all or part of the equity interests in the VIE when and to the extent permitted by PRC law, to consolidate the financial results of the VIE and VIE's subsidiary; and (iii) have an accordance with U.S. GAAP. For a detailed description of these contractual arrangements, see "Item 4. Information on the Company—C. Organizational Structure—Contractual Arrangements with the VIE and Its Shareholders" in our most recent annual report on Form 20-F, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement. As a result, investors in our ADSs are not purchasing equity interest in the VIE or its subsidiary under U.S. GAAP. As used in this prospectus supplement, "Gracell Cayman," "our company," or "our" refers to Gracell Biotechnologies Inc., and "we," "us," "our company," or "our" refers to Gracell Biotechnologies Inc., and have," "us," "our company," or "our" refers to

Our corporate structure is subject to risks associated with our contractual arrangements with the VIE. These contractual arrangements have not been tested in a court of law in the PRC. If the PRC government finds that these contractual arrangements do not comply with PRC laws and regulations, or if these regulations or the interpretation of existing regulations change or are interpreted differently in the future, we and the VIE could be subject to severe penalties or be forced to relinquish our interests in the operations of the VIE and its subsidiary. This would result in the VIE and its subsidiary being deconsolidated. As of December 31, 2019, 2020 and 2021, 41%, 24%, 15% of our assets were held by the VIE, respectively. An event that results in the deconsolidation of the VIE would have a material adverse effect on our operations and result in the value of the securities diminish substantially or even become worthless. There a substantial uncertainties regarding potential future actions by the PRC government that could affect the enforceability of the contractual arrangements with the VIE and, consequently, significantly affect the financial performance of the VIE and our company as a whole. For a detailed description of the risks associated with our corporate structure, see risks disclosed under "Item 3. Key Information—D. Risk Factors—Risks Related to Our Corporate Structure" in our most recent annual report on Form 20-F, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement.

We face various legal and operational risks and uncertainties related to doing business in China, including complex and evolving PRC laws and regulations. For example, we face risks associated with regulatory approvals on offshore offerings, the use of variable interest entities, anti-monopoly regulatory actions, and oversight on cybersecurity and data privacy, as well as the lack of inspection by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, or PCAOB, on our independent registered public accounting firm, which may impact our ability to conduct certain businesses, accept foreign investments, or list on a U.S. or other foreign exchange. These risks could result in an atterial adverse change in our operations and the value of the ADSs, significantly limit or completely hinder our ability to offer or continue to offer securities to investors and cause such securities to significantly decline in value or become worthless. For a detailed description of risks relating to doing business in China, see "Item 3. Key Information—D. Risk Factors—Risks Related to Doing Business in China" in our most recent annual report on Form 20-F, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement. Under our current corporate structure, we may rely on dividend payments from our subsidiaries, to fund any cash and financing requirements we may have. As of the date of this prospectus supplement, none of our subsidiaries have ever issued any dividends or made other distributions to us or their respective holding companies nor have we or any of our subsidiaries ever paid dividends or made other distributions to us or their respective holding companies nor have we or any of our subsidiaries ever paid dividends or made other distributions to us or their respective holding companies nor have we or any of our subsidiaries were paid dividends or made other distributions to us or their respective holding companies nor have we or any of our subsidiaries ever paid dividends or made other distributions to us or their respective holding

Our auditor, an independent registered public accounting firm, is located in China, a jurisdiction where the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, or the PCAOB, has determined on December 16, 2021 that it is unable to inspect or investigate completely PCAOB-registered public accounting firms without the approval of the Chinese authorities. Pursuant to the Holding Foreign Companies Accountable Act, or the HFCA Act, our securities will be prohibitor from trading on any national securities exchange and in the over-the-counter market in the United States in 2024 if our auditor cannot be fully inspected by the PCAOB for three consecutive years, or in 2023 if the Accelerating Holding Foreign Companies Accountable Act passed by the U.S. Senate on June 22, 2021 is passed by the U.S. House of Representatives and signed into law, which would reduce the time period under the HFCA Act to two consecutive years. The termination in or any restriction on the trading of our securities will significantly limit or completely hinder our ability to offer securities to investors, or cause such securities to significantly decline in value or become worthless. For a detailed description of risks relating to doing business in China, see "Item 3. Key Information—D. Risk Factors—Risks Related to Doing Business in China" in our most recent annual report on Form 20-F, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This sales agreement prospectus supplement is part of a registration statement that we have filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, utilizing a "shelf" registration process. By using a shelf registration statement, we may offer and sell ADSs, representing ordinary shares, having an aggregate offering price of up to \$50,000,000 from time to time under this prospectus supplement at prices and on terms to be determined by market conditions at the time of offering.

We provide information to you about this offering of ADSs in two separate documents that are bound together: (1) this sales agreement prospectus supplement, which describes the specific details regarding this offering; and (2) the accompanying base prospectus, which provides general information, some of which may not apply to this offering. Generally, when we refer to this "prospectus supplement," we are referring to both documents combined. If information in this sales agreement prospectus supplement is inconsistent with the accompanying base prospectus, you should rely on this sales agreement prospectus supplement. To the extent there is a conflict between the information contained in this prospectus supplement, on the one hand, and the information contained in any document incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, on the other hand, you should rely on the information in this prospectus supplement. If any statement in one of these documents is inconsistent with a statement in another document having a later date—for example, a document incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement—the statement in the document having the later date modifies or supersedes the earlier statement.

Neither us, Cantor nor BTIG has authorized anyone to provide you with information other than that contained in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying base prospectus and any free writing prospectus. Neither us, Cantor nor BTIG is making an offer to sell or soliciting any offer to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted or in which the person making that offer or solicitation is not qualified to do so or to anyone to whom it is unlawful to make an offer or solicitation. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying base prospectus, the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein and any free writing prospectus that we have authorized for use in connection with this offering is accurate only as of the date of those respective documents. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates. You should read this prospectus supplement, the accompanying base prospectus, the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein and any free writing prospectus that we have authorized for use in connection with this offering in their entirety before making an investment decision.

Before buying any of the ADSs that we are offering, we urge you to carefully read this prospectus supplement, the accompanying base prospectus and all of the information incorporated by reference herein and therein, as well as the additional information described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information; Incorporation by Reference." These documents contain important information that you should consider when making your investment decision.

We are offering to sell, and seeking offers to buy, ADSs only in jurisdictions where offers and sales are permitted. The distribution of this prospectus supplement and the offering of the ADSs in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons outside the United States who come into possession of this prospectus supplement must inform themselves about, and observe any restrictions relating to, the offering of the ADSs and the distribution of this prospectus supplement outside the United States. This prospectus supplement does not constitute, and may not be used in connection with, an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, any securities offered by this prospectus supplement by any person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for such person to make such an offer or solicitation.

Unless the context otherwise requires, references in this prospectus to "Gracell," "we," "us," "our company" and "our" are to Gracell Biotechnologies Inc., a Cayman Islands exempted company and its subsidiaries and, in the context of describing our consolidated financial information, also include its consolidated PRC affiliated entities.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION: INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

Available Information

We file reports and other information with the SEC. The SEC maintains a website that contains reports and other information about issuers, such as us, who file electronically with the SEC. The address of that website is www.sec.gov.

Our website address is www.gracellbio.com. The information on our website, however, is not, and should not be deemed to be, a part of this prospectus.

This sales agreement prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus are part of a registration statement that we filed with the SEC and do not contain all of the information in the registration statement. The full registration statement may be obtained from the SEC or us, as provided below. Forms of the documents establishing the terms of the offered securities are or may be filed as exhibits to the registration statement or documents incorporated by reference in the registration statement. Statements in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus about these documents are summaries and each statement is qualified in all respects by reference to the document to which it refers. You should refer to the actual documents for a more complete description of the relevant matters. You may inspect a copy of the registration statement through the SEC's website, as provided above.

Incorporation by Reference

The SEC's rules allow us to "incorporate by reference" information into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying based prospectus, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document filed separately with the SEC. The information incorporated by reference is deemed to be part of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus, and subsequent information that we file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede that information. Any statement contained in this prospectus supplement and accompanying base prospectus or a previously filed document incorporated by reference will be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus or a subsequently filed document incorporated by reference modifies or replaces that statement.

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus incorporate by reference the documents set forth below that have previously been filed with the SEC (other than those documents or the portions of those documents not deemed to be filed):

- our annual report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2021, filed with the SEC on April 22, 2022; and
- the description of the securities contained in our registration statement on Form 8-A filed on January 4, 2021, pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act, together with all amendments and reports filed for the purpose of updating that description.

All reports and other documents we subsequently file pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which we refer to as the "Exchange Act" in this prospectus, prior to the termination of this offering, including all such documents we may file with the SEC after the date of the initial registration statement and prior to the effectiveness of the registration statement, will also be incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus and documents. We also incorporate by reference future reports on Form 6-K that we subsequently furnish to the SEC after the date of the initial registration statement and prior to the effectiveness of the registration statement that are identified in such reports as being incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

You may request a free copy of any of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus by writing or telephoning us at the following address:

Building 12, Block B, Phase II Biobay Industrial Park 218 Sangtian St. Suzhou Industrial Park, 215123 People's Republic of China +86 512-6262-6701

Exhibits to the filings will not be sent, however, unless those exhibits have specifically been incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus.

PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT SUMMARY

This summary provides a general overview of selected information and does not contain all of the information you should consider before buying our ordinary shares and the ADSs. Therefore, you should read this entire prospectus supplement, the accompanying base prospectus and any free writing prospectus that we have authorized for use in connection with this offering carefully, including the information incorporated by reference, before deciding to invest in our ordinary shares and the ADSs. Investors should carefully consider the information set forth under "Risk Factors" beginning on page S-8 of this prospectus supplement and incorporated by reference to our annual report on Form 20-F.

Overview

We are a global clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company dedicated to discovering and developing breakthrough cell therapies to address major industry challenges and fulfill unmet medical needs in the treatment of cancer. We aim to disrupt conventional approaches to CAR-T cell therapies with our proprietary technology platforms—FasTCAR and TruUCAR.

- With FasTCAR, we are able to deliver younger, less exhausted T cells for autologous cell therapies with enhanced activities and next-day manufacturing versus the industry norm of two to six weeks. Our lead FasTCAR-enabled autologous product candidate, GC012F, has achieved high percentage of negative minimal residual disease, or MRD-, stringent complete responses, or sCR, in relapsed or refractory multiple myeloma, or r/r MM, patients in an ongoing investigator-initiated Phase 1 trial in China.
- With TruUCAR, we are able to derive T cells from non-HLA-matched healthy donors to generate allogeneic CAR-T cell therapies that are readily available off-the-shelf at lower cost for a broad patient base, including those less suitable for autologous CAR-T cell therapies. Our lead TruUCAR-enabled allogeneic product candidate, GC027, has achieved high percentage of complete responses, or CR, in relapsed or refractory T cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia, or r/r T-ALL, patients in an ongoing investigator-initiated Phase 1 trial in China.

In addition to our technology platforms, we utilize our proprietary technology modules, Dual CAR, and SMART CARTTM, to generate enhanced product candidates. With unique construct to take advantage of the suppressive tumor microenvironment, or TME, and effectively combat solid tumors, SMART CARTTM is designed to enhance CAR-T cell proliferation and duration of killing, and to resist exhaustion with improved persistence of CAR-T cells. Leveraging our pioneering platforms, technology modules, know-how and experience, we are developing a rich clinical-stage pipeline of multiple autologous and allogeneic product candidates that we believe will unlock the long-held promise of CAR-T cell therapies for a broad range of patients with advanced hematologic malignancies and solid tumors.

Corporate Information

In May 2018, we incorporated Gracell Biotechnologies Inc., or Gracell Cayman, under the laws of the Cayman Islands as our offshore holding company. Shortly after its incorporation, Gracell Cayman established a wholly owned subsidiary, Gracell Biotechnologies Holdings Limited, or Gracell BVI, under the laws of the British Virgin Islands in May 2018. Gracell BVI in turn established its wholly owned subsidiaries Gracell Biotechnologies (HK) Limited, or Gracell HK, and Gracell Biopharmaceuticals, Inc., or Gracell US, in June 2018 and February 2020, respectively. In August 2018, Gracell Bioscience (Shanghai) Co., Ltd., which we refer to as Gracell Bioscience or our wholly foreign-owned enterprise, or WFOE, in this prospectus supplement, was incorporated as a PRC subsidiary wholly owned by Gracell HK. The WFOE incorporated its wholly owned PRC subsidiaries Gracell Biomedicine (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. and Hainan Gracell Biomedicine Co., Ltd., in August 2020 and June 2021, respectively. In July 2021, Suzhou Gracell Bioscience Co., Ltd. was incorporated as a PRC subsidiary wholly owned by Gracell HK.

We obtained control over Shanghai Gracell Biotech, or our variable interest entity, or VIE, and its subsidiary through a series of contractual arrangements, as amended and restated, entered into among the WFOE, the VIE and shareholders of the VIE. As a result, we are regarded as the primary beneficiary of the VIE and its subsidiary. We treat the VIE and its subsidiary as our consolidated affiliated entities under U.S. GAAP and have consolidated the financial results of these entities in our consolidated financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

Our principal executive offices are located at Building 12, Block B, Phase II, Biobay Industrial Park, 218 Sangtian St., Suzhou Industrial Park, People's Republic of China. Our telephone number at this address is +86-512-6262-6701. Our registered office in the Cayman Islands is located at 4th Floor, Harbour Place, 103 South Church Street, P.O. Box 10240, Grand Cayman, KY1-1002, Cayman Islands. We have appointed Cogency Global Inc., located at 122 East 42nd Street, 18th Floor, New York, NY 10168, as our agent upon whom process may be served in any action brought against us under the securities laws of the United States in connection with offerings of securities registered by the registration statement of which this prospectus supplement is a part. Investors should submit any inquiries to the address and telephone number of our principal executive offices.

Implications of Being a Foreign Private Issuer

Because we qualify as a foreign private issuer under the Exchange Act, we are exempt from certain provisions of the Exchange Act that are applicable to U.S. domestic public companies, including:

- the sections of the Exchange Act regulating the solicitation of proxies, consents or authorizations in respect of a security registered under the Exchange Act;
- the sections of the Exchange Act requiring insiders to file public reports of their share ownership and trading activities and liability for insiders who profit from trades made in a short period of time:
- the rules under the Exchange Act requiring the filing with the SEC of quarterly reports on Form 10-Q containing unaudited financial and other specified information, or current reports on Form 8-K, upon the occurrence of specified significant events; and
- the selective disclosure rules by issuers of material nonpublic information under Regulation FD.

We are required to file an annual report on Form 20-F within four months of the end of each fiscal year. The information we are required to file with or furnished to the SEC will be less extensive and less timely compared to that required to be filed with the SEC by U.S. domestic issuers. Foreign private issuers are also exempt from certain more stringent executive compensation disclosure rules. Thus, as long as we remain a foreign private issuer, we will continue to be exempt from the more stringent compensation disclosures required of companies that are neither an emerging growth company nor a foreign private issuer.

Implications of Being an Emerging Growth Company

As a company with less than \$1.07 billion in revenue for the last fiscal year, we qualify as an "emerging growth company" pursuant to the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012, or the JOBS Act. An emerging growth company may take advantage of specified reduced reporting and other requirements that are otherwise applicable generally to public companies. These provisions include exemption from the auditor attestation requirement under Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, or Section 404, related to the assessment of the effectiveness of the emerging growth company's internal control over financial reporting. We have elected to take advantage of such exemptions.

We will remain an emerging growth company until the earliest of (a) the last day of our fiscal year during which we have total annual gross revenues of at least \$1.07 billion; (b) the last day of our fiscal year following

the fifth anniversary of the completion of this offering; (c) the date on which we have, during the previous three-year period, issued more than \$1.0 billion in non-convertible debt; or (d) the date on which we are deemed to be a "large accelerated filer" under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, which would occur if the market value of our ADSs that are held by non-affiliates exceeds \$700 million as of the last business day of our most recently completed second fiscal quarter. Once we cease to be an emerging growth company, we will not be entitled to the exemptions provided in the JOBS Act discussed above.

Permissions Required from the PRC Authorities for Our Issuance of Securities to Foreign Investors

The PRC government has recently indicated an intent to exert more oversight and control over offerings that are conducted overseas by and/or foreign investments in China-based issuers. For example, on December 24, 2021, the China Securities Regulatory Commission, or the CSRC, published the draft Administrative Provisions of the State Council on the Overseas Issuance and Listing of Securities by Domestic Companies (Draft for Comments), or the Draft Overseas Listing Regulations, and the draft Measures for the Overseas Issuance and Listing of Securities Record-filings by Domestic Companies (Draft for Comments), or the Draft Overseas Listing Measures, for public comments. These drafts stipulate that PRC domestic companies that seek to offer and list securities in overseas markets directly or indirectly shall complete the filing procedures with and report relevant information to the CSRC. For more detailed information, see "Item 3. Key Information – D. Risk Factors – Risks Related to Doing Business in China – The approval, filing or other requirements of the CSRC, the CAC or other PRC government authorities may be required under PRC law in connection with our issuance of securities overseas" in our most recent annual report on Form 20-F, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement.

In connection with our issuance of securities to foreign investors, under current PRC laws, regulations, and rules, as of the date of this prospectus supplement, based on the legal advice of our PRC legal counsel, AllBright Law Offices, we, our PRC subsidiaries, the VIE, and the VIE's subsidiary, (i) are not required to obtain any permissions or approvals from the CSRC; and (ii) are not required to go through cybersecurity review by the CAC. However, there are substantial uncertainties regarding the interpretation and application of current and future PRC laws. Accordingly, a PRC government agency may take a view that is contrary to the above conclusion. In addition, we, our PRC subsidiaries, the VIE, and VIE's subsidiary have not been asked to obtain or denied such permissions by any PRC authority. In addition, as of the date of this prospectus supplement, we have not received any inquiry, notice, warning, or sanctions regarding our corporate structure and contractual arrangements from the CSRC, CAC or any other PRC governmental agency.

THE OFFERING

ADSs offered by us

Plan of Distribution

Use of Proceeds

Risk Factors

ADSs, each representing five ordinary shares, par value \$0.0001 per share, having an aggregate offering price of up to \$50,000,000.

The ADSs

Each ADS represents five Ordinary Share. The ADSs initially will be delivered by The Bank of New York Mellon, as depositary, or the Depositary.

The Depositary, or its nominee, will be the holder of the Ordinary Shares underlying your ADSs and you will have rights as provided in the Deposit Agreement, dated as of January 7, 2021, among us, the Depositary and all owners and holders from time to time of ADSs issued thereunder, or the Deposit Agreement.

Subject to the terms of the Deposit Agreement and in compliance with the relevant requirements set out in the prospectus, you may turn in your ADSs to the Depositary for cancellation and withdrawal of the Ordinary Shares underlying your ADSs.

The Depositary will charge you fees for such cancellations pursuant to the Deposit Agreement.

You should carefully read the "Description of American Depositary Shares" section of base prospectus and the Deposit Agreement to better understand the terms of the ADSs.

"At the market offerings" that may be made from time to time on The Nasdaq Global Select Market or other existing trading market for ADSs through our sales agents, Cantor and BTIG. See the section entitled "Plan of Distribution" on page S-24 of this prospectus supplement.

We intend to use the net proceeds of this offering for general corporate purposes, which may include the development and commercialization of our products, research and development, manufacturing, general and administrative expenses, license or technology acquisitions, and working capital and capital expenditures. See the section entitled "Use of Proceeds" on page S-12 of this prospectus supplement.

See "Risk Factors" beginning on page S-8 of this prospectus supplement and the other information included in, or incorporated by reference into, this prospectus supplement for a discussion of certain factors you should carefully consider before deciding to invest in our securities.

Nasdaq Global Select Market symbol

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RISK FACTORS

Investment in any securities offered pursuant to this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus involves risks. You should carefully consider the risk factors described below and in our annual report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2021, or the 2021 Form 20-F, incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, any amendment or update thereto reflected in subsequent filings with the SEC, including in our annual reports on Form 20-F, and all other information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, as updated by our subsequent filings under the Exchange Act. The risks and uncertainties we have described are not the only ones we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also affect our operations. The occurrence of any of these risks might cause you to lose all or part of your investment in the offered securities.

Risks Relating to This Offering

If you purchase the ADSs sold in this offering, you may experience immediate and substantial dilution in the net tangible book value of your ADSs. In addition, we may issue additional equity or debt securities in the future, which may result in additional dilution to you.

The price per ADS being offered may be higher than the net tangible book value per ADS prior to this offering. To the extent outstanding stock options are exercised or outstanding restricted share units are vested, there will be further dilution to new investors. In addition, to the extent we need to raise additional capital in the future and we issue additional ordinary shares or securities convertible or exchangeable for our ordinary shares, our then existing shareholders may experience dilution and the new securities may have rights senior to those of the ADSs offered in this offering.

We have broad discretion over the use of the net proceeds from this offering and may not use them effectively.

Our management will have broad discretion in the application of the net proceeds from this offering, including for any of the purposes described in the section entitled "Use of Proceeds," and you will not have the opportunity as part of your investment decision to assess whether the net proceeds are being used appropriately. Because of the number and variability of factors that will determine our use of the net proceeds from this offering, their ultimate use may vary substantially from their currently intended use. Our management might not apply our net proceeds in ways that ultimately increase the value of your investment. We expect to use the net proceeds from this offering for general corporate purposes, which may include the development and commercialization of our products, research and development, manufacturing, general and administrative expenses, license or technology acquisitions, and working capital and capital expenditures. The failure by our management to apply these funds effectively could harm our business. Pending their use, we plan to invest the net proceeds from this offering in short- and intermediate-term, interest-bearing obligations, investment-grade instruments, certificates of deposit or direct or guaranteed obligations of the U.S. government. These investments may not yield a favorable return to our shareholders. If we do not invest or apply the net proceeds from this offering in ways that enhance shareholder value, we may fail to achieve expected financial results, which could cause the price of ADSs to decline.

Future sales or issuances of ADSs in the public markets, or the perception of such sales, could depress the trading price of the ADSs.

The sale of a substantial number of ADSs or other equity-related securities in the public markets, or the perception that such sales could occur, could depress the market price of the ADSs and impair our ability to raise capital through the sale of additional equity securities. We may sell large quantities of ADSs at any time pursuant to this prospectus supplement or in one or more separate offerings. We cannot predict the effect that future sales of ADSs, ordinary shares or other equity-related securities would have on the market price of the ADSs.

The actual number of ordinary shares we will issue under the sales agreement, at any one time or in total, is uncertain.

Subject to certain limitations in the sales agreement and compliance with applicable law, we have the discretion to deliver a placement notice to either Cantor or BTIG at any time throughout the term of the sales agreement. The number of ADSs that are sold by either Cantor or BTIG after delivering a placement notice will fluctuate based on the market price of the ADSs during the sales period and limits we set with Cantor and BTIG. Because the price per ADS sold will fluctuate based on the market price of ADSs during the sales period, it is not possible at this stage to predict the number of ordinary shares that will be ultimately issued.

The ADSs offered hereby will be sold in "at the market offerings," and investors who buy shares at different times will likely pay different prices.

Investors who purchase ADSs in this offering at different times will likely pay different prices, and so may experience different outcomes in their investment results. We will have discretion, subject to market demand, to vary the timing, prices, and numbers of ADSs sold, and there is no minimum or maximum sales price. Investors may experience a decline in the value of their ADSs as a result of ADS sales made at prices lower than the prices they paid.

If we are or become classified as a passive foreign investment company, our U.S. shareholders may suffer adverse tax consequences as a result.

Generally, for any taxable year, if at least 75% of our gross income is passive income, or at least 50% of the value of our assets is attributable to assets that produce passive income or are held for the production of passive income, including cash, we would be characterized as a passive foreign investment company, or PFIC, for U.S. federal income tax purposes. For purposes of these tests, passive income includes dividends, interest, gains from commodities and securities transactions, the excess of gains over losses from the disposition of assets which produce passive income (including amounts derived by reason of the temporary investment of funds raised in offerings of our shares) and rents and royalties other than rents and royalties which are received from unrelated parties in connection with the active conduct of a trade or business. If we are characterized as a PFIC, our U.S. shareholders may suffer adverse tax consequences, including having gains realized on the sale of our ordinary shares treated as ordinary income, rather than capital gain, the non-availability of the preferential rate applicable to dividends received by U.S. non-corporate holders, and having interest charges apply to distributions by us and gains from the sales of our shares.

Based on our estimated income, assets and market capitalization for 2021, we anticipate we will likely be a PFIC for 2021. The determination of whether we are a PFIC is a fact-intensive determination made on an annual basis and the applicable law is subject to varying interpretation. In particular, the characterization of our assets as active or passive may depend in part on our current and intended future business plans, which are subject to change. The treatment of our goodwill as a passive or active asset will depend on the allocation of our goodwill to our business assets, which is subject to significant uncertainty. Our status as a PFIC will depend on the nature and composition of our income and the nature, composition and value of our assets (which may be determined based on the fair market value of each asset, with the value of goodwill and going concern value determined in large part by reference to the market value of the ADSs, which may be volatile). Therefore, declines in our market capitalization could adversely affect our PFIC status for any taxable year. Our status may also depend, in part, on how quickly we utilize our current cash balances in our business. Furthermore, prior to the commercialization of any of our product candidates, for any taxable year interest or other passive income may constitute 75% or more of our total gross income. Moreover, it is not entirely clear how the contractual arrangements between us, the VIE and its nominal shareholders will be treated for purposes of the PFIC rules, and we may be or become a PFIC if the VIE is not treated as owned by us for these purposes. Even if we determine that we are not a PFIC for a taxable year, there can be no assurance that the Internal Revenue Service, or IRS, will agree with our conclusion and that the IRS would not successfully challenge our position. Because

our PFIC status is a factual determination, our U.S. counsel expresses no opinion with respect to our PFIC status for any taxable year.

The tax consequences that would apply if we are classified as a PFIC will be different from those described above if a U.S. shareholder makes a valid qualified electing fund, or QEF, election. See "Item 10. Additional Information—E. Taxation—United States Federal Income Tax Considerations" in our most recent annual report on Form 20-F, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement.

CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus supplement, the accompanying base prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein and any free writing prospectus that we have authorized for use in connection with this offering may contain forward-looking statements. All statements other than statements of historical facts contained in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying base prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein and any free writing prospectus, including, but not limited to, statements regarding our future results of operations and financial position, our product candidate development, anticipated milestones regarding clinical data and reporting of such data, meetings with regulatory authorities regarding pathways for regulatory approval of our product candidates, timing and results of data from our trials and timing of the initiation of trials in respect of our product candidates, are forward-looking statements. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other important factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. This prospectus supplement, the accompanying base prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein and any free writing prospectus may also contain estimates and other statistical data made by independent parties and by us relating to market size and growth and other data about our industry. This data involves a number of assumptions and limitations, and you are cautioned not to give undue weight to such estimates. In addition, projections, assumptions and estimates of our future performance and the future performance of the markets in which we operate are necessarily subject to a high degree of uncertainty and risk.

In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terms such as "may," "will," "should," "expect," "plan," "anticipate," "could," "intend," "target," "project," "contemplates," "believes," "estimates," "predicts," "potential" or "continue" or the negative of these terms or other similar expressions. The forward-looking statements in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying base prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein and any free writing prospectus are only predictions. We have based these forward-looking statements largely on our current expectations and projections about future events and financial trends that we believe may affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the respective dates of this prospectus supplement, the accompanying base prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein and any free writing prospectus, as applicable, and are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions, including those described under "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this prospectus supplement. The events and circumstances reflected in our forward-looking statements may not be achieved or occur and actual results could differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. Moreover, we operate in an evolving environment. New risk factors and uncertainties may emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for management to predict all risk factors and uncertainties. Except as required by applicable law, we do not plan to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying base prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein and any free writing prospectus, whether as a result of any new information, future events, changed circumstances or otherwise.

USE OF PROCEEDS

We may offer and sell ADSs, each representing five ordinary shares, having aggregate sales proceeds of up to \$50,000,000 from time to time. Because there is no minimum offering amount required as a condition to close this offering, the actual total public offering amount, commissions and proceeds to us, if any, are not determinable at this time. There can be no assurance that we will be able to sell any ADSs under or fully utilize the Sales Agreement with the Sales Agents as a source of financing.

We intend to use the net proceeds of this offering for general corporate purposes, which may include the development and commercialization of our products, research and development, manufacturing, general and administrative expenses, license or technology acquisitions, and working capital and capital expenditures. The amounts and timing of our actual expenditures will depend on numerous factors, including the progress of our clinical trials and other development efforts and other factors described under "Risk Factors" in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying base prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein, as well as the amount of cash used in our operations. We may find it necessary or advisable to use the net proceeds for other purposes, and we will have broad discretion in the application of the net proceeds. Pending the use of the net proceeds described above, we plan to invest the net proceeds from this offering in a variety of capital preservation investments, including short- and intermediate-term, interest-bearing obligations, investment-grade instruments, certificates of deposit or direct or guaranteed obligations of the U.S. government.

CAPITALIZATION

The following table sets forth our capitalization as of December 31, 2021, the latest date for which we have audited financial statements:

- on an actual basis;
- on an as adjusted basis to give effect to the issuance and sale of \$50,000,000 of ADSs in this offering at an assumed offering price of \$2.21 per ADS, which was the closing price of our ADSs on April 27, 2022, after deducting estimated offering expenses payable by us.

The as adjusted information below is illustrative only. You should read this table together with our audited consolidated financial statements and the related notes and "Item 5. Operating and Financial Review and Prospects" in our most recent annual report on Form 20-F, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement.

		As of December 31, 2021				
	Actu	Actual		As Adjusted		
	RMB'000	US\$'000(1)	RMB'000	US\$'000(1)		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,829,006	287,011	2,134,891	335,011		
Shareholders' equity						
Ordinary shares	223	35	295	46		
Additional paid-in capital	2,902,856	455,521	3,208,669	503,510		
Accumulated other comprehensive income	(57,936)	(9,091)	(57,936)	(9,091)		
Accumulated deficit	(1,017,772)	(159,711)	(1,017,772)	(159,711)		
Total shareholders' equity	1,827,371	286,754	2,133,256	334,754		
Total capitalization	1,827,371	286,754	2,133,256	334,754		

(1) Translation from Renminbi to U.S. dollars were made at a rate of RMB6.3726 to US\$1.00, the exchange rate as of December 31, 2021 as set forth in the H.10 statistical release of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. We make no representation that any Renminbi or U.S. dollar amounts could have been, or could be, converted into U.S. dollars or Renminbi, as the case may be, at any particular rate, or at all.

DIVIDEND POLICY

Our board of directors has discretion on whether to distribute dividends, subject to our current memorandum and articles of association of our company and certain requirements of Cayman Islands law. In addition, our shareholders may by ordinary resolution declare a dividend, but no dividend may exceed the amount recommended by our board of directors. In either case, all dividends are subject to certain restrictions under Cayman Islands law, namely that our company may only pay dividends out of profits or the credit standing in our company's share premium account, and provided always that in no circumstances may a dividend be paid if this would result in our company being unable to pay its debts as they fall due in the ordinary course of business immediately following the date on which the distribution or dividend is paid. Even if we decide to pay dividends, the form, frequency and amount will depend upon our future operations and earnings, capital requirements and surplus, general financial condition, contractual restrictions and other factors that the board of directors may deem relevant.

We have never declared or paid any cash dividends on our ordinary shares. We do not have any present plan to pay any cash dividends on our ordinary shares in the foreseeable future. We currently intend to retain most, if not all, of our available funds and any future earnings to operate and expand our business. Any future determination related to our dividend policy will be made at the discretion of our board of directors after considering our financial condition, results of operations, capital requirements, business prospects and other factors the board of directors deems relevant, and subject to the restrictions contained in any future financing instruments.

We are a holding company incorporated in the Cayman Islands. We may rely on dividends from our subsidiaries in China for our cash requirements, including any payment of dividends to our shareholders. PRC regulations may restrict the ability of our PRC subsidiaries to pay dividends to us. See "Item 3, Key Information—D. Risk Factors—Risks Related to Doing Business in China—We may rely on dividends and other distributions on equity paid by our PRC subsidiaries to fund any cash and financing requirements we may have, and any limitation on the ability of our PRC subsidiaries to make payments to us could have a material and adverse effect on our ability to make investments or acquisitions, pay dividends or otherwise fund our business" and "Item 4. Information on the Company—B. Business Overview—Regulation—PRC Regulation—Other PRC National-and Provincial-Level Laws and Regulations—Regulations Relating to Dividend Distributions" in our most recent annual report on Form 20-F.

If we pay any dividends on our ordinary shares, we will pay those dividends, which are payable in respect of the ordinary shares underlying the ADSs to the depositary, as the registered holder of such ordinary shares, and the depositary then will pay such amounts to the ADS holders in proportion to the ordinary shares underlying the ADSs held by such ADS holders, subject to the terms of the deposit agreement, including the fees and expenses payable thereunder.

TAXATION

Material Cayman Islands Tax Considerations

The Cayman Islands currently levies no taxes on individuals or corporations based upon profits, income, gains or appreciation and *there* is no taxation in the nature of inheritance tax or estate duty.

No other taxes are likely to be material to us levied by the Government of the Cayman Islands except for stamp duties which may be applicable on instruments executed in, brought to, or produced before a court of the Cayman Islands. The Cayman Islands is not party to any double tax treaties which are applicable to any payments made to or by our company. There are no exchange control regulations or currency restrictions in the Cayman Islands.

Payments of dividends and capital in respect of our ordinary shares and ADSs will not be subject to taxation in the Cayman Islands and no withholding will be required on the payment of dividends or capital to any holder of our ordinary shares or ADSs, nor will gains derived from the disposal of our ordinary shares or ADSs be subject to Cayman Islands income or corporation tax.

No stamp duty is payable in respect of the issue of our ordinary shares or on an instrument of transfer in respect of our ordinary shares, unless the relevant instruments are executed in, brought to, or produced before a court of the Cayman Islands or our company holds interests in land in the Cayman Islands.

Pursuant to section 6 of the Tax Concessions Law (as amended) of the Cayman Islands, the Company may obtain an undertaking from the Governor-in-Cabinet that:

- (i) no law which is enacted in the Cayman Islands imposing any tax to be levied on profit or income or gains or appreciations shall apply to the Company or its operations; and
- (ii) no tax be levied on profits, income, gains or appreciations or which is in the nature of estate duty or inheritance tax shall be payable by the Company:
 - on or in respect of the shares, debenture, or other obligations of the Company; or
 - by way of withholding in whole or in party of any relevant payment as defined in section 6(3) of the Tax Concessions Law (as amended).

These concessions shall be for a period of 20 years from December 7, 2020.

Material PRC Tax Considerations

Under the PRC Enterprise Income Tax Law and its implementation rules, an enterprise established outside China with "de facto management body" within China is considered as a Tax Resident Enterprise for PRC enterprise income tax purposes and is generally subject to a uniform 25% enterprise income tax rate on its worldwide income. The implementation rules of the PRC Enterprise Income Tax Law define the term "de facto management body" as the body that exercises full and substantial control and overall management over the business, productions, personnel, accounts and properties of an enterprise. In April 2009, the SAT issued SAT Circular 82, which provides certain specific criteria for determining whether the "de facto management body" of a PRC-controlled enterprise that is incorporated offshore is located in China. Although this circular only applies to offshore enterprises controlled by PRC enterprises or PRC enterprise groups, not those controlled by PRC individuals or foreigners, the criteria set forth in the circular may reflect the SAT's general position on how the "de facto management body" text should be applied in determining the tax resident status of all offshore enterprises. According to SAT Circular 82, an offshore incorporated enterprise controlled by a PRC enterprise or a PRC enterprise group will be regarded as a PRC tax resident by virtue of having its "de facto management body" in China if all of the following conditions are met: (i) the primary location of the day-to-day operational management is in China; (ii) decisions relating to the enterprise's financial and human resource matters are made

or are subject to approval by organizations or personnel located in China; (iii) the enterprise's primary assets, accounting books and records, company seals, and board and shareholder resolutions, are located or maintained in China; and (iv) at least 50% of board members with voting rights or senior executives habitually reside in China.

As advised by our PRC Counsel, our company will not be considered as a PRC resident enterprise for PRC tax purposes as (i) our company is incorporated outside of China and not controlled by a PRC enterprise or PRC enterprise group; and (ii) it does not meet all of the conditions above. However, the tax resident status of an enterprise is subject to determination by the PRC tax authorities and uncertainties remain with respect to the interpretation of the term "de facto management body." There can be no assurance that PRC tax authorities will ultimately not take a different view.

As our company is not deemed to be a PRC resident, holders of the ADSs and ordinary shares who are not PRC residents will not be subject to PRC income tax on dividends distributed by us or gains realized from the sale or other disposition of our shares or ADSs. Therefore, no PRC income tax will be payable by the holders of the ADSs and ordinary shares who are not PRC resident on above situations. SAT Public Notice 7 further clarifies that, if a non-resident enterprise derives income by acquiring and selling shares in an offshore listed enterprise in the public market, such income will not be subject to PRC tax. For risks related to PRC taxes, see "Item 3. Key Information—D. Risk Factors—Risks Related to Doing Business in China—If we are classified as a "resident enterprise" of China under the PRC Enterprise Income Tax Law, we and our non-PRC shareholders could be subject to unfavorable tax consequences, and our business, financial condition and results of operations could be materially and adversely affected."

Material United States Federal Income Tax Considerations to U.S. Holders

The following discussion is a summary of U.S. federal income tax considerations generally applicable to the ownership and disposition of the ADSs or ordinary shares by a U.S. Holder (as defined below) that holds the ADSs or ordinary shares as "capital assets" (generally, property held for investment) under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code. This discussion is based upon existing U.S. federal tax law, which is subject to differing interpretations or change, possibly with retroactive effect. No ruling has been sought from the Internal Revenue Service, or the IRS, with respect to any U.S. federal income tax consequences described below, and there can be no assurance that the IRS or a court will not take a contrary position. This discussion, moreover, does not address any U.S. federal non-income tax considerations, including estate or gift tax considerations, the Medicare contribution tax on net investment income, the alternative minimum tax or the special tax accounting rules under Section 451(b) of the Code, or any state, local or non-U.S. tax considerations, relating to the ownership or disposition of the ADSs or ordinary shares. The following summary also does not address all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that may be important to particular investors in light of their individual circumstances or to persons in special tax situations such as:

- banks and other financial institutions;
- · insurance companies;
- pension plans;
- cooperatives;
- · regulated investment companies;
- real estate investment trusts;
- corporations that accumulate income to avoid U.S. federal income tax;
- broker-dealers;
- dealers or traders that elect to use a mark-to-market method of accounting;

- certain former U.S. citizens or long-term residents;
- tax-exempt entities (including private foundations);
- governmental organizations;
- investors who acquire their ADSs or ordinary shares pursuant to any employee share option or otherwise as compensation;
- investors that will hold their ADSs or ordinary shares as part of a straddle, hedge, conversion, constructive sale or other integrated transaction for U.S. federal income tax purposes;
- investors that have a functional currency other than the U.S. dollar for U.S. federal income tax purposes;
- investors required to accelerate the recognition of any item of gross income with respect to their ADSs or ordinary shares as a result of such income being recognized on an applicable financial statement;
- investors that actually or constructively own 10% or more of our stock (by vote or value); or
- partnerships or other entities or arrangements taxable as partnerships for U.S. federal income tax purposes, or persons holding ADSs or ordinary shares through such entities,

all of whom may be subject to tax rules that differ significantly from those discussed below.

EACH U.S. HOLDER IS URGED TO CONSULT ITS TAX ADVISOR REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF U.S. FEDERAL TAXATION TO ITS PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES, AND THE STATE, LOCAL, NON-U.S. AND OTHER TAX CONSIDERATIONS OF THE OWNERSHIP AND DISPOSITION OF THE ADS OR ORDINARY SHARES.

General

For purposes of this discussion, a "U.S. Holder" is a beneficial owner of the ADSs or ordinary shares that is, for U.S. federal income tax purposes:

- an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States;
- a corporation (or other entity treated as a corporation for U.S. federal income tax purposes) created in, or organized under the laws of the United States or any state thereof or the District of Columbia;
- an estate, the income of which is includible in gross income for U.S. federal income tax purposes regardless of its source; or
- a trust (A) the administration of which is subject to the primary supervision of a U.S. court and which has one or more U.S. persons who have the authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (B) that has otherwise validly elected to be treated as a U.S. person under the Code.

If a partnership (or other entity treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes) is a beneficial owner of the ADSs or ordinary shares, the tax treatment of a partner in the partnership will generally depend upon the status of the partner and the activities of the partnership. Partnerships holding the ADSs or ordinary shares and their partners are urged to consult their tax advisors regarding an investment in the ADSs or ordinary shares.

For U.S. federal income tax purposes, it is generally expected that a U.S. Holder of ADSs will be treated as the beneficial owner of the underlying shares represented by the ADSs. The remainder of this discussion assumes that a U.S. Holder of the ADSs will be treated in this manner. Accordingly, deposits or withdrawals of ordinary shares for ADSs will generally not be subject to U.S. federal income tax.

Dividends

Subject to the discussion below under "—Passive Foreign Investment Company," distributions paid on the ADSs or ordinary shares out of our current or accumulated earnings and profits as determined under U.S. federal income tax principles, would generally be includible in the gross income of a U.S. Holder as dividend income on the day actually or constructively received by the U.S. Holder, in the case of ordinary shares, or by the depositary, in the case of ADSs. Because we do not intend to determine our earnings and profits on the basis of U.S. federal income tax principles, any distribution we pay will generally be treated as a "dividend" for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Dividends received on the ADSs or ordinary shares will not be eligible for the dividends received deduction allowed to corporations in respect of dividends received from U.S. corporations. The amount of any dividend income paid in foreign currency will be the U.S. dollar amount calculated by reference to the spot rate in effect on the date of receipt, regardless of whether the payment is in fact converted into U.S. dollars on such date. If the dividend is converted into U.S. dollars on the date of receipt, a U.S. Holder generally should not be required to recognize foreign currency gain or loss in respect of the amount received. A U.S. Holder may have foreign currency gain or loss if the dividend is converted into U.S. dollars after the date of receipt.

Individuals and other non-corporate U.S. Holders may be subject to tax on dividend income from a "qualified foreign corporation" at a lower capital gains rate rather than the marginal tax rates generally applicable to ordinary income, provided that certain holding period and other requirements are met. A non-U.S. corporation (other than a corporation that is classified as a PFIC for the taxable year in which the dividend is paid or the preceding taxable year) will generally be considered to be a qualified foreign corporation (i) if it is eligible for the benefits of a comprehensive income tax treaty with the U.S. which the Secretary of the Treasury of the U.S. determines is satisfactory for purposes of the applicable provision of the Code and which includes an exchange of information program, or (ii) with respect to any dividend it pays on stock (or ADSs in respect of such stock) which is readily tradable on an established securities market in the U.S. We expect the ADSs (but not our ordinary shares) will be readily tradeable on an established securities market in the United States. Since we do not expect that our ordinary shares will be listed on an established securities market in the United States, it is unclear whether dividends that we pay on our ordinary shares that are not represented by ADSs will meet the conditions required for the reduced tax rate. There can be no assurance that, the ADSs will continue to be considered readily tradeable on an established securities market. Non-corporate U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisers regarding the availability of these reduced tax rates in their particular circumstances and in light of our possible PFIC status for any taxable year.

Dividends will generally be treated as income from foreign sources for United States foreign tax credit purposes and will generally constitute passive category income. In the event that we are deemed to be a PRC resident enterprise under the PRC Enterprise Income Tax Law, a U.S. Holder may be subject to PRC withholding taxes on dividends paid on the ADSs or ordinary shares (see "—PRC Taxation"). For U.S. federal income tax purposes, the amount of the dividend income will include amounts withheld in respect of PRC withholding tax, if any. Depending on the U.S. Holder's individual facts and circumstances, a U.S. Holder may be eligible, subject to a number of complex limitations, to claim a foreign tax credit not in excess of any applicable treaty rate in respect of any foreign withholding taxes imposed on dividends received on the ADSs or ordinary shares. A U.S. Holder who does not elect to claim a foreign tax credit for foreign tax withheld may instead claim a deduction, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, in respect of such withholding, but only for a year in which such holder elects to do so for all creditable foreign income taxes. The rules governing the foreign tax credit are complex and their outcome depends in large part on the U.S. Holder's individual facts and circumstances. Accordingly, U.S. Holders are urged to consult their tax advisors regarding the availability of the foreign tax credit under their particular circumstances.

Sale or Other Disposition

Subject to the discussion below under "—Passive Foreign Investment Company," a U.S. Holder will generally recognize gain or loss upon the sale or other disposition of the ADSs or ordinary shares in an amount

equal to the difference between the amount realized upon the disposition and the holder's adjusted tax basis in such ADSs or ordinary shares. The gain or loss will generally be capital gain or loss. Any capital gain or loss will be long-term capital gain or loss if the ADSs or ordinary shares have been held for more than one year. The deductibility of a capital loss is subject to limitations. Any such gain or loss that the U.S. Holder recognizes will generally be treated as U.S.-source income or loss and, subject to certain exceptions, Treasury Regulations generally preclude U.S. taxpayers from claiming a foreign tax credit with respect to any non-U.S. tax imposed on gains from dispositions of shares held as capital assets unless the tax is creditable under an applicable income tax treaty. Accordingly, your ability to claim a foreign tax credit with respect to the PRC tax imposed on such sale or other taxable disposition, if any, may be significantly limited. In lieu of claiming a credit, you may be able to elect to deduct the PRC taxes in computing your taxable income, subject to applicable limitations. An election to deduct PRC taxes instead of claiming foreign tax credits applies to all foreign taxes paid or accrued in the relevant taxable year. Each U.S. Holder is advised to consult their tax advisors regarding the tax consequences if a foreign tax is imposed on a disposition of the ADSs or ordinary shares, including the creditability or deductibility of any PRC tax on disposition gains under its particular circumstances.

Passive Foreign Investment Company

A non-U.S. corporation, such as the Company, will be a PFIC if, in the case of any particular taxable year, either (i) 75% or more of its gross income for such year consists of certain types of "passive" income or (ii) 50% or more of the value of its assets (generally determined on the basis of a quarterly average) during such year is attributable to assets that produce or are held for the production of passive income. For this purpose, cash and assets readily convertible into cash are categorized as passive assets and the company's goodwill and other unbooked intangibles associated with active business activities may generally be classified as active assets. Passive income generally includes, among other things, dividends, interest, rents, royalties, and gains from the disposition of passive assets. For purposes of these rules, we will be treated as owning a proportionate share of the assets and earning a proportionate share of the income of any other corporation in which we own, directly or indirectly, more than 25% (by value) of the stock.

Based on our estimated income, assets and market capitalization for 2021, we were likely a PFIC for 2021. While we hold a substantial amount of cash and cash equivalents, our PFIC status for any taxable year will depend primarily on the average value of our goodwill. Because our market capitalization has declined substantially since our initial public offering (including in recent months), if the value of our goodwill is determined by reference to our market capitalization there is a significant risk that we will be a PFIC for our taxable year 2022, and possibly future taxable years. No assurances can be provided that we will not be a PFIC for the current or any future taxable year or that we have not been a PFIC in any prior taxable years. The determination of whether we are a PFIC is a fact-intensive determination made on an annual basis and the applicable law is subject to varying interpretations. In particular, the characterization of our assets as active or passive may depend in part on our current and intended future business plans, which are subject to change. The treatment of our goodwill as a passive or active asset will depend on the allocation of our goodwill to our business assets, which is subject to significant uncertainty. Our status as a PFIC will depend on the nature and composition of our income and the nature, composition and value of our assets (which may be determined based on the fair market value of each asset, with the value of goodwill and going concern value determined in large part by reference to the market value of the ADSs, which may be volatile). Therefore, declines in our market capitalization would adversely affect our PFIC status for any taxable year. Our status may also depend, in part, on how quickly we utilize our current cash balances in our business. Furthermore, prior to the commercialization of any of our product candidates, for any taxable year interest or other passive income may constitute 75% or more of our total gross income. Moreover, it is not entirely clear how the contractual arrangements between us, the VIE and its nominal shareholders will be treated for purposes of the PFIC rules, and we may be or become a PFIC if the VIE is treated as owned by us for these purposes. Even if we determine that we are not a PFIC for a taxable year, there can be no assurance that the Internal Revenue Service, or IRS, will agree with our conclusion and that the IRS would not successfully challenge our position. Because our PFIC status is a factual determination, our U.S. counsel expresses no opinion with respect to our PFIC status for any taxable year.

If we are a PFIC for any taxable year during which a U.S. Holder holds the ADSs or ordinary shares, and unless the U.S. Holder makes a mark-to-market election or a QEF election (each as described below), the U.S. Holder will generally be subject to special tax rules that have a penalizing effect, regardless of whether we remain a PFIC, on (i) any excess distribution that we make to the U.S. Holder (which generally means any distribution paid during a taxable year to a U.S. Holder that is greater than 125 percent of the average annual distributions paid in the three preceding taxable years or, if shorter, the U.S. Holder's holding period for the ADSs or ordinary shares), and (ii) any gain realized on the sale or other disposition of ADSs or ordinary shares. Under the PFIC rules:

- the excess distribution or gain will be allocated ratably over the U.S. Holder's holding period for the ADSs or ordinary shares;
- the amount allocated to the current taxable year and any taxable years in the U.S. Holder's holding period prior to the first taxable year in which we are classified as a PFIC (each, a "pre-PFIC year"), will be taxable as ordinary income;
- the amount allocated to each prior taxable year, other than a pre-PFIC year, will be subject to tax at the highest tax rate in effect for individuals or corporations, as appropriate, for that year; and
- the interest charge generally applicable to underpayments of tax will be imposed on the tax attributable to each prior taxable year, other than a pre-PFIC year.

If we are a PFIC for any taxable year during which a U.S. Holder holds the ADSs or ordinary shares and any of the entities in which we hold equity interests (including generally, the VIE or any of the entities in which the VIE holds equity interests) is also a PFIC (in each case, a "lower-tier PFIC"), such U.S. Holder would be treated as owning a proportionate amount (by value) of the shares of the lower-tier PFIC for purposes of the application of these rules. U.S. Holders are urged to consult their tax advisors regarding the application of the PFIC rules to any of the entities in which we hold equity interests, the VIE or any of the entities in which the VIE holds equity interests.

If we were a PFIC for any taxable year during which a U.S. Holder owned ADSs or ordinary shares, we would generally continue to be treated as a PFIC with respect to the U.S. Holder for all succeeding years during which the U.S. Holder owned the ADSs or ordinary shares, even if we ceased to meet the threshold requirements for PFIC status, unless the U.S. Holder made a timely "deemed sale" election, in which case any gain on the deemed sale would be taxed under the PFIC rules described above.

As an alternative to the foregoing rules, a U.S. Holder of "marketable stock" (as defined below) in a PFIC may make a mark-to-market election with respect to such stock. If a U.S. Holder makes this election with respect to the ADSs, the holder will generally (i) include as ordinary income for each taxable year that we are a PFIC the excess, if any, of the fair market value of ADSs held at the end of the taxable year over the adjusted tax basis of such ADSs and (ii) deduct as an ordinary loss in each such taxable year the excess, if any, of the adjusted tax basis of the ADSs over the fair market value of such ADSs held at the end of the taxable year, but such deduction will only be allowed to the extent of the amount previously included in income as a result of the mark-to-market election. The U.S. Holder's adjusted tax basis in the ADSs would be adjusted to reflect any income or loss resulting from the mark-to-market election. If a U.S. Holder makes a mark-to-market election in respect of the ADSs and we cease to be classified as a PFIC, the U.S. Holder will not be required to take into account the gain or loss described above during any period that we are not classified as a PFIC. If a U.S. Holder makes a mark-to-market election, any gain such U.S. Holder recognizes upon the sale or other disposition of the ADSs in a year when we are a PFIC will be treated as ordinary income and any loss will be treated as ordinary loss, but such loss will only be treated as ordinary loss to the extent of the net amount previously included in income as a result of the mark-to-market election.

The mark-to-market election is available only for "marketable stock," which is stock that is regularly traded on a qualified exchange or other market as defined in applicable U.S. Treasury regulations. The ADSs will be

treated as "regularly traded" for any calendar year in which more than a de minimis quantity of the ADSs are traded on a qualified exchange for at least 15 days during each calendar quarter. The Nasdaq Global Select Market, where the ADSs are listed, is a qualified exchange for this purpose.

Because a mark-to-market election cannot be made for any lower-tier PFICs that we may own, a U.S. Holder may continue to be subject to the PFIC rules with respect to such U.S. Holder's indirect interest in any investments held by us that are treated as an equity interest in a PFIC for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

If a U.S. Holder makes an effective qualified electing fund election, or QEF election, the U.S. Holder will be required to include in gross income each year, whether or not we make distributions, as capital gains, such U.S. Holder's pro rata share of our net capital gains and, as ordinary income, such U.S. Holder's pro rata share of our earnings in excess of our net capital gains. Inclusions of net capital gains and ordinary income under a QEF election is required only for our taxable years in which we are a PFIC. An electing U.S. Holder's basis in our ordinary shares or ADSs will be increased to reflect the amount of any taxed but undistributed income. Distributions of income that had previously been taxed will result in a corresponding reduction of basis in the ordinary shares or ADSs and generally will not be taxed again as distributions to the U.S. Holder. In addition, a U.S. Holder that makes a QEF election will be taxed on the disposition of ordinary shares or ADSs as described in "Sale or Other Disposition" above. In order to apply the QEF regime in lieu of the general PFIC rules described above a U.S. Holder generally must make the QEF election for the first taxable year that we are treated as a PFIC.

A U.S. Holder can only make a QEF election with respect to ordinary shares or ADSs in a PFIC if the Company agrees to furnish such U.S. Holder with certain information annually. If we determine that the Company is a PFIC in any taxable year, we intend to make available to U.S. Holders, upon request and in accordance with applicable procedures, a "PFIC Annual Information Statement" with respect to the Company for such taxable year. The "PFIC Annual Information Statement" may be used by U.S. Holders for purposes of complying with the reporting requirements applicable to a QEF election with respect to the Company.

U.S. Holders should note that if they make a QEF election with respect to us, they may be required to pay U.S. federal income tax with respect to their ordinary shares or ADSs for any taxable year significantly in excess of any cash distributions (which are expected to be zero) received on the ordinary shares or ADSs for such taxable year. U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisors regarding PFIC investments and making QEF elections based on their particular circumstances.

A QEF election with respect to the Company will not apply to any of our lower-tier PFICs. If we determine that any of our current subsidiaries is a lower-tier PFIC for any taxable year, we currently expect that we will provide the information necessary for U.S. Holders to make a QEF election with respect to such lower-tier PFIC upon request, but there can be no assurance that we will be able to provide such information.

If we are a PFIC (or with respect to a particular U.S. Holder are treated as a PFIC) for a taxable year of ours in which we pay a dividend or the prior taxable year, the favorable tax rate described above with respect to dividends paid to certain non-corporate U.S. Holders would not apply.

If a U.S. Holder owns the ADSs or ordinary shares during any taxable year that we are a PFIC, the holder must generally file an annual IRS Form 8621 or such other form as is required by the U.S. Treasury Department. Each U.S. Holder is advised to consult its tax advisor regarding the potential tax consequences to such holder if we were, are or become a PFIC, including the possibility of making a mark-to-market election.

WE STRONGLY URGE YOU TO CONSULT YOUR TAX ADVISOR REGARDING THE IMPACT OF OUR PFIC STATUS ON YOUR INVESTMENT IN THE ORDINARY SHARES OR ADS₅ AS WELL AS THE APPLICATION OF THE PFIC RULES TO YOUR INVESTMENT IN THE ORDINARY SHARES OR ADS₅.

Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

Payments of dividends and sales proceeds that are made within the United States or through certain U.S.-related financial intermediaries generally are subject to information reporting, and may be subject to backup withholding, unless (i) the U.S. Holder is a corporation or other exempt recipient or (ii) in the case of backup withholding, the U.S. Holder provides a correct taxpayer identification number and certifies that it is not subject to backup withholding.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. The amount of any backup withholding from a payment to a U.S. Holder will be allowed as a credit against the holder's U.S. federal income tax liability and may entitle it to a refund, provided that the required information is timely furnished to the IRS.

Information with Respect to Foreign Financial Assets

Certain U.S. Holders who are individuals (and, under proposed regulations, certain entities) may be required to report information relating to the ordinary shares or ADSs, subject to certain exceptions (including an exception for ordinary shares or ADSs held in accounts maintained by certain U.S. financial institutions). Such U.S. Holders who fail to timely furnish the required information may be subject to a penalty. Additionally, if a U.S. Holder does not file the required information, the statute of limitations with respect to tax returns of the U.S. Holder to which the information relates may not close until three years after such information is filed. U.S. Holders should consult their tax advisers regarding their reporting obligations with respect to their ownership and disposition of the ordinary shares or ADSs.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We entered into a Controlled Equity OfferingSM sales agreement, or sales agreement, with Cantor Fitzgerald & Co., or Cantor, and BTIG, LLC, or BTIG, relating to the offer and sale from time to time of American depositary shares, or ADSs, each representing five of our ordinary shares, par value \$0.0001 per share, having an aggregate offering price of up to \$50,000,000 through, at our option, Cantor or BTIG, acting as sales agents. The sales agreement has been filed as an exhibit to our Registration Statement on Form F-3 of which this prospectus supplement forms a part.

We will submit orders to only one sales agent relating to the sale of shares of ADS under the sales agreement on any given day. Upon delivery of a placement notice to a sales agent and subject to the terms and conditions of the sales agreement, such sales agent may offer and sell shares of our ADS by any method permitted by law deemed to be an "at the market offering," as defined in Rule 415(a)(4) promulgated under the Securities Act. We may instruct such sales agent not to sell ADS if the sales cannot be effected at or above the price designated by us from time to time. We or the sales agents may suspend the offering of ADS upon notice and subject to other conditions.

We will pay the sales agents commissions for their services in acting as agent in the sale of ADS. A sales agent is entitled to compensation at a commission rate of 3.0% of the gross sales price per share sold by such sales agent under the sales agreement. Because there is no minimum offering amount required as a condition to close this offering, the actual total public offering amount, commissions and proceeds to us, if any, are not determinable at this time. We have also agreed to reimburse the sales agents for certain specified fees and documented expenses, including the fees and documented expenses of their legal counsel in connection with entering into the transactions contemplated by the sales agreement in an amount not to exceed \$85,000 and have agreed to reimburse the sales agents an amount not to exceed \$25,000 per calendar quarter during the term of the sales agreement for the fees and documented expenses of their legal counsel, as provided in the sales agreement. We estimate that the total expenses for the offering, excluding compensation and reimbursements, if any, payable to Cantor and BTIG under the terms of the sales agreement, will be approximately \$500,000.

Settlement for shares of ADS will occur on the second business day following the date on which any sales are made, or on some other date that is agreed upon by us and the applicable sales agent in connection with a particular transaction, in return for payment of the net proceeds to us. Sales of our ADS as contemplated in this prospectus supplement will be settled through the facilities of The Depository Trust Company or by such other means as we and the applicable sales agents may agree upon. There is no arrangement for funds to be received in an escrow, trust or similar arrangement.

The sales agents will use their commercially reasonable efforts, consistent with their sales and trading practices, to solicit offers to purchase the ADS under the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the sales agreement. In connection with the sale of the ADS on our behalf, the applicable sales agent may be deemed to be an "underwriter" within the meaning of the Securities Act, and the compensation of such sales agent (and their respective partners, members, directors, officers, employees and agents) may be deemed to be underwriting commissions or discounts. We have agreed to provide indemnification and contribution to each sales agent against certain liabilities, including civil liabilities under the Securities Act.

The offering of shares of ADS pursuant to the sales agreement will terminate upon the termination of the sales agreement as permitted therein. Either sales agent may terminate the sales agreement, with respect to such sales agent's rights and obligations under the sales agreement, at any time upon ten days' prior notice. We may terminate the sales agreement with respect to either or both sales agents at any time upon ten days' prior notice.

This summary of the material provisions of the sales agreement does not purport to be a complete statement of its terms and conditions. A copy of the sales agreement has been filed as an exhibit to our Registration Statement on Form F-3 of which this prospectus supplement forms a part.

The sales agents and their respective affiliates may in the future provide various investment banking, commercial banking and other financial services for us, our subsidiaries and our affiliates, for which services they may in the future receive customary fees. To the extent required by Regulation M, the sales agents will not engage in any market-making activities involving ADS while the offering is ongoing under this prospectus supplement. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus in electronic format may be made available on a website maintained by Cantor or BTIG, and each of Cantor and BTIG may distribute this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus electronically.

LEGAL MATTERS

We are being represented by Cooley LLP with respect to certain legal matters as to United States federal securities and New York State law. The sales agents are being represented by Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP with respect to certain legal matters as to United States federal securities and New York State law. The validity of the ordinary shares represented by the ADSs offered in this offering and legal matters as to Cayman Islands law will be passed upon for us by Harney Westwood & Riegels. Certain legal matters as to the People's Republic of China, or PRC, law will be passed upon for us by AllBright Law Offices. Cooley LLP may rely upon Harney Westwood & Riegels with respect to matters governed by Cayman Islands law and AllBright Law Offices with respect to matters governed by PRC law.

EXPERTS

The financial statements incorporated in this Prospectus Supplement by reference to the Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2021 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers Zhong Tian LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

The office of PricewaterhouseCoopers Zhong Tian LLP is located at 42/F New Bund Center, 588 Dongyu Road, Pudong New Area, Shanghai 200126, the People's Republic of China.



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PART II

INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

Item 8. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

Cayman Islands law does not limit the extent to which a company's articles of association may provide for indemnification of officers and directors, except to the extent any such provision may be held by the Cayman Islands courts to be contrary to public policy, such as to provide indemnification against conduct amounting to willful default, willful neglect, fraud or dishonesty, for example, civil fraud or the consequences of committing a crime. Our articles of association provide for indemnification of officers and directors for actions, proceedings, costs, charges, expenses, losses, damages or liabilities incurred or sustained their capacities as such, except through their own dishonesty, willful default or fraud.

Pursuant to the indemnification agreements, the form of which has been filed as Exhibit 10.3 to the registration statement on Form F-1 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 18, 2020 (File No. 333-251494), as amended, we agreed to indemnify our directors and officers against certain liabilities and expenses incurred by such persons in connection with claims made by reason of their being such a director or officer.

The underwriting agreement, the form of which will be filed as Exhibit 1.1 to this registration statement, will also provide for indemnification of us and our officers and directors.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling us pursuant to the foregoing provisions, we have been informed that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

Item 9. Exhibits

See the Exhibit Index included herewith which is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 10. Undertakings

- (a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:
 - (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
 - (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;
 - (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement.
 - (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (1)(i), (1)(ii) and (1)(iii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or

- furnished to the SEC by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.
- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (4) To file a post-effective amendment to the registration statement to include any financial statements required by Item 8.A of Form 20-F at the start of any delayed offering or throughout a continuous offering. Financial statements and information otherwise required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act need not be furnished, provided that the registrant includes in the prospectus, by means of a post-effective amendment, financial statements required pursuant to this paragraph (a)(4) and other information necessary to ensure that all other information in the prospectus is at least as current as the date of those financial statements. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a post-effective amendment need not be filed to include financial statements and information required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act or Item 8.A of Form 20-F if such financial statements and information are contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the SEC by the registrant pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement.
- (5) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act to any purchaser:
 - (i) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and
 - (ii) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5) or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by section 10(a) of the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.
- (6) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:
 - (i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;

- (ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;
- (iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and
- (iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.
- (b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to section 13(a) or section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (h) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description
1.1**	Form of Underwriting Agreement
1.2*	Sales Agreement, dated as of April 28, 2022, by and between Gracell Biotechnologies, Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. and BTIG, LLC
4.1	Registrant's Specimen American Depositary Receipt (incorporated herein by reference to the copy included in Exhibit 4.3 to the registration statement on Form F-1 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 4, 2021 (File No. 333-251494))
4.2	Registrant's Specimen Certificate for Ordinary Shares (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the registration statement on Form F-1 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 18, 2020 (File No. 333-251494)).
4.3	<u>Deposit Agreement, among the Registrant, the depositary and holder and beneficial owners of the American Depositary Receipts issued thereunder, dated January 7, 2021 (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the registration statement on Form S-8 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 25, 2021 (File No. 333-253486))</u>
4.4	Second Amended and Restated Shareholders Agreement, dated as of October 20, 2020, among the Registrant and other parties thereto (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the registration statement on Form F-1 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 18, 2020 (File No. 333-251494))
5.1*	Opinion of Harney Westwood & Riegels regarding the validity of the ordinary shares being registered
8.1*	Opinion of Harney Westwood & Riegels regarding certain Cayman Islands tax matters (included in Exhibit 5.1)
8.2*	Opinion of AllBright Law Offices regarding certain PRC law matters
23.1*	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers Zhong Tian LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm
23.2*	Consent of Harney Westwood & Riegels (included in Exhibit 5.1)
23.3*	Consent of AllBright Law Offices (included in Exhibit 8.2)
24.1*	Powers of Attorney (incorporated by reference to the signature page hereto)
107*	<u>Filing Fee Table</u>

^{*} Filed herewith.

^{**} To be filed by amendment or incorporated by reference in connection with the offering of the securities.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form F-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in Suzhou, China on April 28, 2022.

Gracell Biotechnologies Inc.

By: /s/ William Wei Cao

Name: William Wei Cao

Title: Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief

Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints William Wei Cao and Yili Kevin Xie and each of them, his or her true and lawful agent, proxy and attorney-in-fact, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to (i) act on, sign and file with the Securities and Exchange Commission any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement together with all schedules and exhibits thereto and any subsequent registration statement filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, together with all schedules and exhibits thereto, (ii) act on, sign and file such certificates, instruments, agreements and other documents as may be necessary or appropriate in connection therewith, (iii) act on and file any supplement to any prospectus included in this Registration Statement or any such amendment or any subsequent registration statement filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and (iv) take any and all actions which may be necessary or appropriate to be done, as fully for all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby approving, ratifying and confirming all that such agent, proxy and attorney-in-fact or any of his or her substitutes may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue thereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ William Wei Cao Dr. William Wei Cao	Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	April 28, 2022
/s/ Yili Kevin Xie Dr. Yili Kevin Xie	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	April 28, 2022
/s/ Guotong Xu Dr. Guotong Xu	Independent Director	April 28, 2022
/s/ Wendy Hayes Ms. Wendy Hayes	Independent Director	April 28, 2022
/s/ Christophe Kin Ping Lee Mr. Christophe Kin Ping Lee	Independent Director	April 28, 2022
/s/ David Guowei Wang Dr. David Guowei Wang	Director	April 28, 2022

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN THE UNITED STATES

Pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the undersigned, the fully authorized representative in the United States of Gracell Biotechnologies Inc., has signed this registration statement on Form F-3 in New York on April 28, 2022.

Authorized U.S. Representative Cogency Global Inc.

By: /s/ Collen A. De Vries
Name: Collen A. De Vries
Title: Senior Vice President

Gracell Biotechnologies Inc.

Shares of American Depositary Shares Each Representing Five Ordinary Shares (par value US\$0.0001 per share)

Controlled Equity OfferingSM

Sales Agreement

April 28, 2022

Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. 499 Park Avenue New York, NY 10022

BTIG, LLC 600 Montgomery Street San Francisco, CA 94111

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Gracell Biotechnologies, Inc., an exempted company incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Cayman Islands (the "Company"), confirms its agreement (this "Agreement") with Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. and BTIG, LLC (each an "Agent" and, collectively, the "Agents"), as follows:

1. Sale of ADSs. The Company agrees that, from time to time during the term of this Agreement, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth herein, it may sell through the Agents American Depositary Shares (the "ADSs," and each an "ADS"), each representing five ordinary shares, par value US\$0.0001 per share, of the Company (the "Ordinary Shares") having aggregate gross sales proceeds of up to US\$50,000,000 (said ADSs to be sold through the Agents are hereinafter referred to as the "Placement ADSs"); provided, however, that in no event shall the Company sell through the Agents such number or dollar amount of Placement ADSs that would (a) represent a number or dollar amount of Ordinary Shares in excess of the amount of Ordinary Shares registered on the effective Registration Statement (defined below) pursuant to which the offering is being made, (b) representing Ordinary Shares in excess of the amount of authorized but unissued Ordinary Shares (less shares of Ordinary Shares issuable upon exercise, conversion or exchange of any outstanding securities of the Company or otherwise reserved from the Company's authorized capital stock). (c) represent a number or dollar amount of Ordinary Shares in excess of the amount permitted to be sold under Form F-3 (including General Instruction I.B.5 thereof, if applicable) or (d) represent a number of dollar amount of Ordinary Shares in excess of the amount for which the Company has filed a Prospectus Supplement (defined below) (the lesser of (a), (b), (c) and (d), the "Maximum Amount"). Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the parties hereto agree that compliance with the limitations set forth in this Section 1 on the aggregate gross sales price of Placement ADSs that may be issued and sold under this Agreement from time to time shall be the sole responsibility of the Company, and that the Agents shall have no obligation in connection with such compliance. The offer and sale of Placement ADSs through the Designated Agent (as defined below) will be effected pursuant to the Registration Statement (as defined below) filed by the Company and which will be declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") prior to the issuance of any Placement Notices (defined below) by the Company, although nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as requiring the Company to use the Registration Statement to issue Ordinary Shares represented by any Placement ADSs. The Placement ADSs will be issued pursuant to a deposit agreement dated as of January 7, 2021 (the "Deposit Agreement"), among the Company, The Bank of New York Mellon, as depositary (the "Depositary"), and holders from time to time of the ADSs issued thereunder.

The Company has prepared and will file, in accordance with the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") and the rules and regulations thereunder (the "Securities Act Regulations"), with the Commission a registration statement on Form F-3, including a base prospectus, relating to certain securities, including Ordinary Shares represented by the Placement ADSs to be issued from time to time by the Company, which incorporates by reference documents that the Company has filed or will file in accordance with the provisions of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and the rules and regulations thereunder. The Company has prepared a prospectus or a prospectus supplement to the base prospectus included as part of the registration statement, which prospectus or prospectus supplement specifically relates to the Placement ADSs representing the Ordinary Shares to be offered from time to time by the Company (the "Prospectus Supplement"). The Company will furnish to the Agents, for use by the Agents, copies of the prospectus included as part of such registration statement, as supplemented, by the Prospectus Supplement, relating to the Ordinary Shares represented by the Placement ADSs to be offered from time to time by the Company, The Company may file one or more additional registration statements from time to time that will contain a base prospectus and related prospectus or prospectus supplement, if applicable (which shall be a Prospectus Supplement), with respect to the Ordinary Shares represented by the Placement ADSs. Except where the context otherwise requires, such registration statement(s), including all documents filed as part thereof or incorporated by reference therein, and including any information contained in a Prospectus (as defined below) subsequently filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act Regulations or deemed to be a part of such registration statement pursuant to Rule 430B of the Securities Act Regulations, is herein called the "Registration Statement." The base prospectus or base prospectuses, including all documents incorporated therein by reference, included in the Registration Statement, as it may be supplemented, if necessary, by the Prospectus Supplement, in the form in which such prospectus or prospectuses and/or Prospectus Supplement have most recently been filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act Regulations, together with the then issued Issuer Free Writing Prospectus(es), is herein called the "Prospectus."

Any reference herein to the Registration Statement, any Prospectus Supplement, Prospectus or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus (defined below) shall be deemed to refer to and include the documents, if any, incorporated by reference therein (the "Incorporated Documents"), including, unless the context otherwise requires, the documents, if any, filed as exhibits to such Incorporated Documents. Any reference herein to the terms "amend," "amendment" or "supplement" with respect to the Registration Statement, any Prospectus Supplement, the Prospectus or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus shall be deemed to refer to and include the filing of any document under the Exchange Act on or after the most-recent effective date of the Registration Statement, or the date of the Prospectus Supplement, Prospectus or such Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, as the case may be, and incorporated therein by reference. For purposes of this Agreement, all references to the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or to any amendment or supplement thereto shall be deemed to include the most recent copy filed with the Commission pursuant to its Electronic Data Gathering Analysis and Retrieval system, or if applicable, the Interactive Data Electronic Application system when used by the Commission (collectively, "EDGAR").

- 2. Placements. Each time that the Company wishes to sell Placement ADSs through the Agents hereunder (each, a "Placement"), it will notify one of the Agents that the Company may select in its sole discretion from time to time (the "Designated Agent") by email notice (or other method mutually agreed to by the parties) of the number of Placement ADSs representing Ordinary Shares to be issued, the time period during which sales are requested to be made, any limitation on the number of Placement ADSs that may be sold in any one day and any minimum price below which sales may not be made (a "Placement Notice"), the form of which is attached hereto as Schedule 1. The Placement Notice shall originate from any of the individuals from the Company set forth on Schedule 3 (with a copy to each of the other individuals from the Company listed on such schedule), and shall be addressed to each of the individuals from the Designated Agent set forth on Schedule 3, as such Schedule 3 may be amended from time to time. The Placement Notice shall be effective unless and until (i) the Designated Agent declines in writing to accept the terms contained therein for any reason, in its sole discretion, (ii) the entire amount of the Placement ADSs thereunder have been sold, (iii) the Company suspends or terminates the Placement Notice or (iv) this Agreement has been terminated under the provisions of Section 12. The amount of any discount, commission or other compensation to be paid by the Company to Designated Agent in connection with the sale of the Placement ADSs shall be calculated in accordance with the terms set forth in Schedule 2. It is expressly acknowledged and agreed that neither the Company nor the Designated Agent will have any obligation whatsoever with respect to a Placement or any Placement ADSs unless and until the Company delivers a Placement Notice to the Designated Agent and the Designated Agent does not decline such Placement Notice pursuant to the terms set forth above, and then only upon the terms specified therein and herein. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this Agreement and the terms of a Placement Notice, the terms of the Placement Notice will control.
- 3. <u>Sale of Placement ADSs by the</u> Designated <u>Agent</u>. Subject to the provisions of <u>Section 5(a)</u>, the Designated Agent, for the period specified in the Placement Notice, will use its commercially reasonable efforts consistent with its normal trading and sales practices and applicable state and federal laws, rules and regulations and the rules of the Nasdaq Global Select Market (the "<u>Exchange</u>"), to sell the Placement ADSs up to the amount specified in, and otherwise in accordance with the terms of such Placement Notice. The Designated Agent will provide written confirmation to the Company no later than the opening of the Trading Day (as defined below) immediately following the Trading Day on which it has made sales of Placement ADSs hereunder setting forth the number of Placement ADSs sold on such day, the compensation payable by the Company to the Designated <u>Agent</u> pursuant to <u>Section 2</u> with respect to such sales, and the Net Proceeds (as defined below) payable to the Company, with an itemization of the deductions made by the Designated <u>Agent</u> (as set forth in <u>Section 5(b)</u>) from the gross proceeds that it receives from such sales. Subject to the terms of the Placement Notice, the Designated <u>Agent</u> may sell Placement ADSs by any method permitted by law deemed to be an "at the market offering" as defined in Rule 415(a)(4) of the Securities Act Regulations, including sales made directly on or through the Exchange or any other existing trading market for the ADSs, in negotiated transactions at market prices prevailing at the time of sale or at prices related to such prevailing market prices and/or any other method permitted by law. "<u>Trading Day</u>" means any day on which ADSs are traded on the Exchange.

4. <u>Suspension of Sales</u>. The Company or the Designated <u>Agent</u> may, upon notice to the other party in writing (including by email correspondence to each of the individuals of the other party set forth on <u>Schedule 3</u>, if receipt of such correspondence is actually acknowledged by any of the individuals to whom the notice is sent, other than via auto-reply) or by telephone (confirmed immediately by verifiable facsimile transmission or email correspondence to each of the individuals of the other party set forth on <u>Schedule 3</u>), suspend any sale of Placement ADSs (a "<u>Suspension</u>"); *provided*, *however*, that such Suspension shall not affect or impair any party's obligations with respect to any Placement ADSs sold hereunder prior to the receipt of such notice. While a Suspension is in effect any obligation under <u>Sections 7(1)</u>, <u>7(m)</u>, and <u>7(n)</u> with respect to the delivery of certificates, opinions, or comfort letters to the Agents, shall be waived. Each of the parties agrees that no such notice under this <u>Section 4</u> shall be effective against any other party unless it is made to one of the individuals named on <u>Schedule 3</u> hereto, as such Schedule may be amended from time to time.

5. Sale and Delivery to the Designated Agent; Settlement.

- (a) <u>Sale of Placement ADSs</u>. On the basis of the representations and warranties herein contained and subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth, upon the Designated <u>Agent's</u> acceptance of the terms of a Placement Notice, and unless the sale of the Placement ADSs described therein has been declined, suspended, or otherwise terminated in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, the Designated <u>Agent</u>, for the period specified in the Placement Notice, will use its commercially reasonable efforts consistent with its normal trading and sales practices and applicable law and regulations to sell such Placement ADSs up to the amount specified in, and otherwise in accordance with the terms of such Placement Notice. The Company acknowledges and agrees that (i) there can be no assurance that the Designated <u>Agent</u> will be successful in selling Placement ADSs, (ii) the Designated <u>Agent</u> will incur no liability or obligation to the Company or any other person or entity if it does not sell Placement ADSs for any reason other than a failure by the Designated <u>Agent</u> to use its commercially reasonable efforts consistent with its normal trading and sales practices and applicable law and regulations to sell such Placement ADSs as required under this Agreement and (iii) the Designated <u>Agent</u> shall be under no obligation to purchase Placement ADSs on a principal basis pursuant to this Agreement, except as otherwise agreed by the Designated <u>Agent</u> and the Company.
- (b) <u>Settlement of Placement ADSs</u>. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable Placement Notice, settlement for sales of Placement ADSs will occur on the second (2nd) Trading Day (or such earlier day as is industry practice for regular-way trading) following the date on which such sales are made (each, a "<u>Settlement Date</u>"). The Designated <u>Agent</u> shall notify the Company of each sale of Placement ADSs no later than the opening of the Trading Day immediately following the Trading Day on which they have made sales of Placement ADSs hereunder. The amount of proceeds to be delivered to the Company on a Settlement Date against receipt of the Placement ADSs sold (the "<u>Net Proceeds</u>") will be equal to the aggregate sales price received by the Designated <u>Agent</u>, after deduction for (i) the Designated <u>Agent</u>'s commission, discount or other compensation for such sales payable by the Company pursuant to <u>Section 2</u> hereof, and (ii) any transaction fees imposed by any Governmental Authority in respect of such sales.

- (c) <u>Delivery of Placement ADSs</u>. On or before each Settlement Date, the Company will, (i) instruct its transfer agent to issue and register in the name of the Depositary the amount of Ordinary Shares to be represented by the Placement ADSs and deliver those Ordinary Shares to the Depositary's custodian under the Deposit Agreement and (ii) instruct the Depositary to deliver the Placement ADSs issuable in respect of that deposit by crediting the Designated Agent's or its designees' accounts (provided the Designated Agent shall have given the Company written notice of such designees at least one Trading Day prior to the Settlement Date) at The Depository Trust Company through its Deposit and Withdrawal at Custodian System or by such other means of delivery as may be mutually agreed upon by the parties hereto which in all cases shall be freely tradable, transferable, registered ADSs in good deliverable form. On each Settlement Date, the Designated Agent will deliver the related Net Proceeds in same day funds to an account designated by the Company on, or prior to, the Settlement Date. The Designated Agent will be responsible for providing DWAC instructions or instructions for delivery by other means with regard to the transfer of the Placement ADSs to be sold. The Company agrees that if the Placement ADSs sold are not delivered on a Settlement Date, in addition to and in no way limiting the rights and obligations set forth in Section 10(a) hereto, it will (i) hold the Designated Agent harmless against any loss, claim, damage, or expense (including reasonable and documented legal fees and expenses), as incurred, arising out of or in connection with such non-delivery and (ii) pay to the Designated Agent any commission, discount, or other compensation to which it would otherwise have been entitled absent such non-delivery.
 - (d) <u>Denominations</u>; <u>Registration</u>. Placement ADSs will be uncertificated and will be registered in the name of DTC's nominee.
- (e) <u>Limitations on Offering Size</u>. Under no circumstances shall the Company cause or request the offer or sale of any Placement ADSs if, after giving effect to the sale of such Placement ADSs, the aggregate gross sales proceeds of Placement ADSs sold pursuant to this Agreement would exceed the lesser of (A) together with all sales of Placement ADSs under this Agreement, the Maximum Amount and (B) the amount authorized from time to time to be issued and sold under this Agreement by the Company's board of directors or a duly authorized executive officer of the Company (each an "Authorized Officer"), and notified to the Designated Agent in writing. Under no circumstances shall the Company cause or request the offer or sale of any Placement ADSs pursuant to this Agreement at a price lower than the minimum price authorized from time to time by the Company's board of directors or an Authorized Officer. Further, under no circumstances shall the Company cause or permit the aggregate offering amount of Placement ADSs sold pursuant to this Agreement to exceed the Maximum Amount.
- (f) <u>Sales Through Agents</u>. With respect to the offering and sale of Placement ADSs pursuant to this Agreement, the Company agrees that any offer to sell Placement ADSs, any solicitation of an offer to buy Placement ADSs, and any sales of Placement ADSs shall only be effected by or through the Designated Agent on any single given day, and the Company shall in no event request that more than one Agent offer or sell Placement ADSs pursuant to this Agreement on the same day.

- 6. <u>Representations and Warranties of the Company</u>. The Company represents and warrants to, and agrees with Agents that as of the date of this Agreement and as of each Applicable Time (as defined below):
- (a) Registration Statement and Prospectus. The Company and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement meet the requirements for and comply with the applicable conditions set forth in Form F-3 (including General Instructions I.A and I.B) under the Securities Act. The Registration Statement will be filed with the Commission and will be declared effective by the Commission under the Securities Act prior to the issuance of any Placement Notices by the Company. The Prospectus Supplement will name the Agents as the agents in the section entitled "Plan of Distribution." The Company has not received, and has no notice of, any order of the Commission preventing or suspending the use of the Registration Statement, or threatening or instituting proceedings for that purpose. The Registration Statement and the offer and sale of Placement ADSs as contemplated hereby meet the requirements of Rule 415 under the Securities Act and comply in all material respects with said Rule. Any statutes, regulations, contracts or other documents that are required to be described in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or to be filed as exhibits to the Registration Statement have been so described or filed. Copies of the Registration Statement, the Prospectus, and any such amendments or supplements and all documents incorporated by reference therein that were filed with the Commission on or prior to the date of this Agreement have been delivered, or are available through EDGAR, to Agents and their counsel. The Company has not distributed and, prior to the later to occur of each Settlement Date and completion of the distribution of the Placement ADSs, will not distribute any offering material in connection with the offering or sale of the Placement ADSs other than the Registration Statement and the Prospectus and any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus (as defined below) to which the Agents have consented. The ADSs and the Ordinary Shares represented by such ADSs are registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and are currently listed on the Exchange under the trading symbol "GRCL." The Company has taken no action designed to, or likely to have the effect of, terminating the registration of the ADSs or the Ordinary Shares represented by such ADSs under the Exchange Act, delisting the ADSs or the Ordinary Shares represented by such ADSs from the Exchange, nor has the Company received any notification that the Commission or the Exchange is contemplating terminating such registration or listing. To the Company's knowledge, it is in compliance with all applicable listing requirements of the Exchange.
- (b) No Misstatement or Omission. The Registration Statement, when it became or becomes effective, and the Prospectus, and any amendment or supplement thereto, on the date of such Prospectus or amendment or supplement, conformed and will conform in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act. At each Settlement Date, the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, as of such date, will conform in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act. The Registration Statement, when it became or becomes effective, did not, and will not, contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading. The Prospectus and any amendment and supplement thereto, on the date thereof and at each Applicable Time (as defined below), did not or will not include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The documents incorporated by reference in the Prospectus or any Prospectus Supplement did not, and any further documents filed and incorporated by reference therein will not, when filed with the Commission, contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact required to be stated in such document or necessary to make the statements in such document, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading. The foregoing shall not apply to statements in, or omissions from, any such document made in reliance upon, and in conformity with, information furnished to the Company by Agents specifically for use in the preparation thereof.

- (c) <u>Conformity with Securities Act and Exchange Act.</u> The Registration Statement, the Prospectus, any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, and the documents incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement thereto, when such documents were or are filed with the Commission under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act or became or become effective under the Securities Act, as the case may be, conformed or will conform in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act, as applicable.
- (d) <u>Conformity with EDGAR Filing</u>. The Prospectus delivered to Agents for use in connection with the sale of the Placement ADSs pursuant to this Agreement will be identical to the versions of the Prospectus created to be transmitted to the Commission for filing via EDGAR, except to the extent permitted by Regulation S-T.
- (e) <u>ADS Registration Statement.</u> The Company and the Depositary have prepared and filed with the Commission a registration statement on Form F-6 (file number 333-251864) for the registration under the Securities Act of the offering and sale of the ADSs (such registration statement on Form F-6, including all exhibits thereto, as amended at the time such registration statement became effective, being hereafter referred to as the "<u>ADS Registration Statement</u>"). The Form F-6 was declared effective under the Securities Act on January 7, 2021, and (i) no stop order preventing or suspending the effectiveness of the ADS Registration Statement is in effect, and no proceedings for such purpose are pending before or, to the knowledge of the Company, threatened by the Commission, (ii) the ADS Registration Statement complies and, as amended or supplemented, if applicable, will comply in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the Securities Act and the rules thereunder and applicable rules and regulations of the Commission, (iii) the ADS Registration Statement, when it became effective, did not contain and, as amended or supplemented, if applicable, will not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances then existing, not misleading and (iv) all of the Placement ADSs are registered pursuant to the ADS Registration Statement.
- (f) <u>Authorization of Ordinary Shares represented by the Placement ADSs.</u> The Ordinary Shares represented by the Placement ADSs, when issued and delivered pursuant to the terms approved by the board of directors of the Company or an Authorized Officer, against payment therefor as provided herein, will be duly and validly authorized and issued and fully paid and nonassessable, free and clear of any pledge, lien, encumbrance, security interest or other claim, including any statutory or contractual preemptive rights, resale rights, rights of first refusal or other similar rights, and will be registered pursuant to Section 12 of the Exchange Act. The Ordinary Shares represented by the Placement ADSs, when issued, will conform to the description thereof set forth in or incorporated into the Prospectus.

- (g) <u>Issuance of ADSs.</u> Upon issuance, the Placement ADSs will be duly and validly issued and persons in whose names the Placement ADSs are registered will be entitled to the rights specified in the Deposit Agreement; and the Ordinary Shares represented by the Placement ADSs when issued and delivered pursuant to the terms approved by the board of directors of the Company or an Authorized Officer, against payment therefor as provided herein, will be duly and validly authorized and issued and fully paid and nonassessable, free and clear of any pledge, lien, encumbrance, security interest or other claim, including any statutory or contractual preemptive rights, resale rights, rights of first refusal or other similar rights.
- (h) Stock Transfer Taxes. On each Settlement Date, no stamp or other issuance or transfer taxes or duties and no capital gains, income, withholding or other taxes are payable by or on behalf of the Agents in connection with (i) the issuance of the Ordinary Shares represented by the Placement ADSs and the delivery of the Placement ADSs to the Agents in the manner contemplated by this Agreement, (ii) the deposit with the Depositary of the Ordinary Shares against issuance of the ADSs evidencing the ADSs, (iii) the sale and transfer of the Placement ADSs as contemplated herein or (iv) the execution or delivery of this Agreement or the Deposit Agreement, except that Cayman Islands stamp duty may be payable in the Cayman Islands if the original of any document is executed in or brought to the Cayman Islands or produced before a court of the Cayman Islands.
- (i) <u>Dividends.</u> Except as described in each of the Registration Statement, and the Prospectus and any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, all dividends and other distributions declared and payable on the Ordinary Shares may under current Cayman Islands law and regulations be paid to the Depositary and to the holders of Securities, as the case may be, in United State dollars and may be converted into other currencies that may be transferred out of Cayman Islands in accordance with the Deposit Agreement.
- (j) No Improper Practices. (i) Neither the Company nor the Group Companies, nor any director, officer, or employee of the Company or any Group Company nor, to the Company's knowledge, any agent, affiliate or other person acting on behalf of the Company or any Group Company has, in the past five years, made any unlawful contributions to any candidate for any political office (or failed fully to disclose any contribution in violation of applicable law) or made any contribution or other payment to any official of, or candidate for, any federal, state, municipal, or foreign office or other person charged with similar public or quasi-public duty in violation of any applicable law or of the character required to be disclosed in the Prospectus; (ii) no relationship, direct or indirect, exists between or among the Company or any Group Company or any affiliate of any of them, on the one hand, and the directors, officers and stockholders of the Company or any Group Company, on the other hand, that is required by the Securities Act to be described in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus that is not so described; (iii) no relationship, direct or indirect, exists between or among the Company or any Group Company or any affiliate of them, on the one hand, and the directors, officers, or stockholders of the Company or any Group Company, on the other hand, that is required by the rules of FINRA to be described in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus that is not so described; (iv) except as described in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, there are no material outstanding loans or advances or material guarantees of indebtedness by the Company or any Group Company to or for the benefit of any of their respective officers or directors or any of the members of the families of any of them; and (v) the Company has not offered, or caused any placement agent to offer, Ordinary Shares to any person with the intent to influence unlawfully (A) a customer or supplier of the Company or any Group Company to alter the customer's or supplier's level or type of business with the Company or any Group Company or (B) a trade journalist or publication to write or publish favorable information about the Company or any Group Company or any of their respective products or services, and, (vi) neither the Company nor any Group Company nor any director, officer or employee of the Company or any Group Company nor, to the Company's knowledge, any agent, affiliate or other person acting on behalf of the Company or any Group Company has (A) violated or is in violation of any applicable provision of the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended, or any other applicable anti-bribery or anti-corruption law (collectively, "Anti-Corruption Laws"), (B) promised, offered, provided, attempted to provide or authorized the provision of anything of value, directly or indirectly, to any person for the purpose of obtaining or retaining business, influencing any act or decision of the recipient, or securing any improper advantage; or (C) made any payment of funds of the Company or any Group Company or received or retained any funds in violation of any Anti-Corruption Laws.

- (k) <u>Status Under the Securities Act.</u> The Company was not and is not an ineligible issuer as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act at the times specified in Rules 164 and 433 under the Securities Act in connection with the offering of the Placement ADSs.
- (l) <u>Emerging Growth Company Status.</u> From the time of the initial filing of the Company's first registration statement with the Commission through the date hereof, the Company has been and is an "emerging growth company," as defined in Section 2(a) of the Securities Act (an "<u>Emerging Growth Company</u>").
- (m) No Misstatement or Omission in an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus. Each Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, as of its issue data and as of each Applicable Time (as defined in Section 25 below), did not, does not and will not include any information that conflicted, conflicts or will conflict with the information contained in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, including any document incorporated by reference therein that has not been superseded or modified. The foregoing sentence does not apply to statements in or omissions from any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus based upon and in conformity with written information furnished to the Company by the Agents specifically for use therein, it being understood and agreed that the only such information furnished by or on behalf of any Agent consists of the information described as such in Section 10(b) hereof.
- (n) <u>Organization</u>. Each of the Company and its subsidiaries, consolidated affiliated entity set forth on <u>Schedule 4</u> (collectively, the "<u>Group Companies</u>") (i) has been duly incorporated and is validly existing as a corporation in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction in which it is chartered or organized with full corporate power and authority to own or lease, as the case may be, and to operate its properties and conduct its business as described in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, (ii) is duly qualified to do business as a foreign corporation and (iii) is in good standing under the laws of each jurisdiction which requires such qualification, except to the extent that the failure to be so qualified or be in good standing would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect (as defined below).
- (o) Exhibits. There is no franchise, contract or other document of a character required to be described in the Registration Statement, ADS Registration Statement or Prospectus, or to be filed as an exhibit thereto, which is not described or filed as required; and the statements in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus and the Company's most recent Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the Commission and incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement and the Prospectus under the headings "Taxation," "Regulation," "Item 3. Key Information—D. Risk Factors—Risks Related to Our Intellectual Property," "Item 4. Information on the Company—B. Business Overview—Intellectual Property" and "Item 8. Financial Information—A. Consolidated Statements and Other Financial Information—Legal Proceedings" insofar as such statements summarize legal matters, agreements, documents or proceedings discussed therein, fairly represent, to the extent required by the Securities Act and the rules thereunder, in all material respects, such legal matters, agreements, documents or proceedings.

- (p) <u>Authorization; Enforceability.</u> The Company has full legal right, power and authority to enter into this Agreement and perform the transactions contemplated hereby. This Agreement has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and is a legal, valid and binding agreement of the Company enforceable in accordance with its terms, except to the extent that enforceability may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or similar laws affecting creditors' rights generally and by general equitable principles.
- (q) <u>Investment Company Act.</u> The Company is not and, after giving effect to the offering and sale of the Placement ADSs and the application of the proceeds thereof as described in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, will not be an "investment company" as defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.
- (r) No Consents Required. No consent, approval, authorization, filing with or order of any court or Governmental Authority is required in connection with the transactions contemplated herein or in the Deposit Agreement, except such as have been or will be obtained under the Securities Act and such as may be required under the listing rules of the Nasdaq Stock Market LLC, applicable rules of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., the applicable foreign securities laws and regulations, blue sky laws of any jurisdiction in connection with the purchase and distribution of the Placement ADSs by the Agents in the manner contemplated herein and in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus.
- (s) No Violation or Default. Neither the issue of Ordinary Shares represented by the Placement ADSs and sale of the Placement ADSs nor the consummation of any other of the transactions herein contemplated nor the fulfillment of the terms hereof or of the Deposit Agreement will conflict with, result in a breach or violation of, or imposition of any lien, charge or encumbrance upon any property or assets of the Company or any of its subsidiaries pursuant to, (i) the memorandum and articles of association of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, (ii) the terms of any indenture, contract, lease, mortgage, deed of trust, note agreement, loan agreement or other agreement, obligation, condition, covenant or instrument to which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is a party or bound or to which its or their property is subject, or (iii) any statute, law, rule, regulation, judgment, order or decree applicable to the Company or any of its subsidiaries, its consolidated affiliated entity, or subsidiary of the consolidated affiliated entity of any court, Governmental Authority or other authority having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its subsidiaries or any of its or their properties, except in the case of (ii) and (iii) above, for any such conflict, breach, violation, default, lien, charge or encumbrance that would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect (as defined below).

- (t) <u>No Registration Rights</u>. Except as described in each of the Registration Statement, and the Prospectus and any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, no holders of securities of the Company have rights to the registration of such securities under the Registration Statement.
- (u) Financial Information. The consolidated historical financial statements and schedules of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus and the Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses, if any, together with the related notes and schedules, present fairly the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries as of the dates and for the periods indicated, comply as to form in all material respects with the applicable accounting requirements of the Securities Act and have been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis throughout the periods involved (except as otherwise noted therein); the other financial and statistical data with respect to the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries contained or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus and the Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses, if any, are accurately and fairly presented and prepared on a basis consistent with the financial statements and books and records of the Company; there are no financial statements (historical or pro forma) that are required to be included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, or the Prospectus that are not included or incorporated by reference as required; the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries do not have any material liabilities or obligations, direct or contingent (including any off-balance sheet obligations), not described in the Registration Statement (excluding the exhibits thereto), and the Prospectus; and all disclosures contained or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus and the Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses, if any, regarding "non-GAAP financial measures" (as such term is defined by the rules and regulations of the Commission) comply with Regulation G of the Exchange Act and Item 10 of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act, to the extent applicable. The interactive data in eXtensible Business Reporting Language included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus fairly presents the information called for in all material respects and has been prepared in accordance with the Commission's rules and guidelines applicable thereto.
- (v) No <u>Litigation</u>. No action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or Governmental Authority involving the Company or any of its Group Companies or its or their property is pending or, to the best knowledge of the Company, threatened that (i) could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the performance of this Agreement or the consummation of any of the transactions contemplated hereby or (ii) could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the condition (financial or otherwise), prospects, business or properties of the Company and its subsidiaries, consolidated affiliated entity and subsidiary of consolidated affiliated entity taken as a whole, whether or not arising from transactions in the ordinary course of business (a "<u>Material Adverse Effect</u>"), except as set forth in or contemplated in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus (exclusive of any amendment or supplement thereto); and there are no current or pending audits or investigations, actions, suits or proceedings by or before any Governmental Authority that are required under the Securities Act to be described in the Prospectus that are not so described.
- (w) <u>Property</u>. Each of the Company and each of its Group Companies owns or leases all such properties as are necessary to the conduct of its operations as presently conducted.

- (x) No Violation or Default. Neither the Company nor any Group Company is in violation or default of (i) any provision of its memorandum and articles of association, (ii) the terms of any indenture, contract, lease, mortgage, deed of trust, note agreement, loan agreement or other agreement, obligation, condition, covenant or instrument to which it is a party or bound or to which its property is subject, or (iii) any statute, law, rule, regulation, judgment, order or decree of any court, Governmental Authority or other authority having jurisdiction over the Company or such subsidiary or any of its properties, as applicable, except in the case of (ii) and (iii) above, for any such violation or default that would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect.
- (y) <u>Independent Public Accounting Firm.</u> PricewaterhouseCoopers Zhong Tian LLP (the "<u>Accountant</u>"), whose report on the consolidated financial statements of the Company will be filed with the Commission as part of the Company's most recent Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the Commission and incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, are and, during the periods covered by their report, were an independent registered public accounting firm within the meaning of the Securities Act and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). To the Company's knowledge, the Accountant is not in violation of the auditor independence requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 with respect to the Company.
- (z) <u>Taxes</u>. The Company and each of its Group Companies has timely filed all tax returns that are required to be filed or has requested extensions thereof (except in any case in which the failure so to file would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, except as set forth in or contemplated in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus (exclusive of any amendment or supplement thereto)) and has timely paid all taxes required to be paid by it and any other assessment, fine or penalty levied against it, to the extent that any of the foregoing is due and payable, except for any such assessment, fine or penalty that is currently being contested in good faith and for which adequate reserves have been made in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles or as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, except as set forth in or contemplated in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus (exclusive of any amendment or supplement thereto). Except as would not have a Material Adverse Effect, none of the Company or its Group Companies has any knowledge of any tax deficiency which might be assessed against it. All governmental tax waivers from national and local governments of the PRC and other local and national PRC tax relief, concession and preferential treatment obtained by the Company or its Group Companies are valid, binding and enforceable.
- (aa) <u>Labor Disputes</u>. No labor problem or dispute with the employees of the Company or any of its Group Companies exists or, to the Company's knowledge, is threatened or imminent that would, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, and the Company is not aware of any existing or imminent labor disturbance by the employees of any of its or its Group Companies' principal suppliers, contractors or customers, that would, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, except as set forth in or contemplated in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus (exclusive of any amendment or supplement thereto).
- (bb) <u>Insurance</u>. The Company and each of its Group Companies are insured by insurers of recognized financial responsibility against such losses and risks and in such amounts as the Company reasonably believes are prudent and customary in the businesses in which they are engaged; all policies of insurance insuring the Company or any of its Group Companies or their respective businesses, assets, employees, officers and directors are in full force and effect; the Company and its Group Companies are in compliance with the terms of such policies and instruments in all material respects; and there are no material claims by the Company or any of its Group Companies under any such policy or instrument as to which any insurance company is denying liability or defending under a reservation of rights clause; neither the Company nor any such Group Company has been refused any insurance coverage sought or applied for; and neither the Company nor any such Group Company has any reason to believe that it will not be able to renew its existing insurance coverage as and when such coverage expires or to obtain similar coverage from similar insurers as may be necessary to continue its business at a cost that would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, except as set forth in or contemplated in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus (exclusive of any amendment or supplement thereto).

- (cc) No Prohibition on Dividends. No Group Company of the Company is currently prohibited, directly or indirectly, from paying any dividends to the Company, from making any other distribution on such Group Company's capital stock, from repaying to the Company any loans or advances to such Group Company from the Company or from transferring any of such Group Company's property or assets to the Company or any other Group Company of the Company, except as described in or contemplated by the Registration Statement and the Prospectus (exclusive of any amendment or supplement thereto).
- (dd) <u>Consents and Permits</u>. The Company and its Group Companies possess all licenses, certificates, permits and other authorizations issued by all applicable authorities necessary to conduct their respective businesses except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to result in a Material Adverse Effect, and neither the Company nor any such Group Company has received any notice of proceedings relating to the revocation or modification of any such certificate, authorization or permit which, if the subject of an unfavorable decision, ruling or finding, would, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, except as set forth in or contemplated in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus (exclusive of any amendment or supplement thereto).
- (ee) Internal Accounting Controls. The Company and each of its Group Companies maintain a system of internal accounting controls that will be in compliance with the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder (the "Exchange Act") and sufficient to provide reasonable assurance that (i) transactions are executed in accordance with management's general or specific authorizations, (ii) transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and to maintain asset accountability, (iii) access to assets is permitted only in accordance with management's general or specific authorization, and (iv) the recorded accountability for assets is compared with the existing assets at reasonable intervals and appropriate action is taken with respect to any differences. Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, the Company and its Group Companies' internal controls over financial reporting are effective and the Company and its Group Companies are not aware of any material weakness in their internal controls over financial reporting. Since the date of the latest audited financial statements of the Company included in the Prospectus, there has been no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (other than as set forth in the Prospectus).

- (ff) <u>Disclosure Controls</u>. The Company and its Group Companies maintain "disclosure controls and procedures" (as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act); such disclosure controls and procedures have been designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms.
- (gg) Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements. There are no transactions, arrangements and other relationships between and/or among the Company, and/or, to the knowledge of the Company, any of its affiliates and any unconsolidated entity, including, but not limited to, any structural finance, special purpose or limited purpose entity (each, an "Off-Balance Sheet Transaction") that could reasonably be expected to affect materially the Company's liquidity or the availability of or requirements for its capital resources, including those Off-Balance Sheet Transactions described in the Commission's Statement about Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Conditions and Results of Operations (Release Nos. 33-8056; 34-45321; FR-61), required to be described in the Prospectus which have not been described as required.
- (hh) <u>Certain Market Activities</u>. The Company has not taken, directly or indirectly, any action designed to or that would constitute or that might reasonably be expected to cause or result in, under the Exchange Act or otherwise, stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of the Placement ADSs.
- (ii) Environmental Laws. The Company and its Group Companies are (i) in compliance with any and all applicable foreign, federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to the protection of human health and safety, the environment or hazardous or toxic substances or wastes, pollutants or contaminants ("Environmental Laws"), (ii) have received and are in compliance with all permits, licenses or other approvals required of them under applicable Environmental Laws to conduct their respective businesses, and (iii) have not received notice of any actual or potential liability under any environmental law, except in each case where such non-compliance with Environmental Laws, failure to receive required permits, licenses or other approvals, or liability would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, except as set forth in or contemplated in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus (exclusive of any amendment or supplement thereto). Except as set forth in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, neither the Company nor any of the Group Companies has been named as a "potentially responsible party" under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended.
- (jj) No Material Environmental Law Issues. In the ordinary course of its business, the Company periodically reviews the effect of Environmental Laws on the business, operations and properties of the Company and its Group Companies, in the course of which it identifies and evaluates associated costs and liabilities (including, without limitation, any capital or operating expenditures required for clean-up, closure of properties or compliance with Environmental Laws, or any permit, license or approval, any related constraints on operating activities and any potential liabilities to third parties). On the basis of such review, the Company has reasonably concluded that such associated costs and liabilities would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Material Adverse Effect, except as set forth in or contemplated in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus (exclusive of any amendment or supplement thereto).

- (kk) <u>Sarbanes-Oxley</u>. There is and has been no failure on the part of the Company and any of the Company's directors or officers, in their capacities as such, to comply with any provision of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated in connection thereunder (the "<u>Sarbanes-Oxley Act</u>"), including Section 402 relating to loans and Sections 302 and 906 relating to certifications, that are then in effect and with which the Company is required to comply.
- (II) No Improper Practices. Neither the Company nor any of its Group Companies nor, to the knowledge of the Company, any director, officer, agent, employee, affiliate or other person acting on behalf of the Company or any of its Group Companies is aware of or has taken any action, directly or indirectly, that could result in a violation or a sanction for violation by such persons of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 or the U.K. Bribery Act 2010, each as may be amended, or similar law of any other relevant jurisdiction, or the rules or regulations thereunder; and the Company and its Group Companies have instituted and maintain policies and procedures to ensure compliance therewith. No part of the proceeds of the offering will be used, directly or indirectly, in violation of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977 or the U.K. Bribery Act 2010, each as may be amended, or similar law of any other relevant jurisdiction, or the rules or regulations thereunder.
- (mm) <u>Operations</u>. The operations of the Company and its Group Companies are and have been conducted at all times in compliance with applicable financial recordkeeping and reporting requirements and the money laundering statutes and the rules and regulations thereunder and any related or similar rules, regulations or guidelines, issued, administered or enforced by any governmental agency (collectively, the "<u>Money Laundering Laws</u>") and no action, suit or proceeding by or before any court or Governmental Authority involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries with respect to the Money Laundering Laws is pending or, to the best knowledge of the Company, threatened.
- (nn) <u>Sanctions</u>. (i) The Company represents that, neither the Company nor any of its Subsidiaries (collectively, the "<u>Entity</u>") or any director, officer, employee, agent, affiliate or representative of the Entity, is a government, individual, or entity (in this paragraph (nn), "<u>Person</u>") that is, or is owned or controlled by a Person that is:
 - (A) the subject of any sanctions administered or enforced by the U.S. Department of Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC"), the United Nations Security Council, the European Union, Her Majesty's Treasury, or other relevant sanctions authorities, including, without limitation, designation on OFAC's Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List or OFAC's Foreign Sanctions Evaders List (as amended, collectively, "Sanctions"), nor
 - (B) located, organized or resident in a country or territory that is the subject of Sanctions that broadly prohibit dealings with that country or territory (including, without limitation, Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan, Syria, the Crimea Region of the Ukraine, the so-called Donetsk People's Republic and the so-called Luhansk People's Republic) (the "Sanctioned Countries")).

- (ii) The Entity represents and covenants that it will not, directly or indirectly, use the proceeds of the offering, or lend, contribute or otherwise make available such proceeds to any subsidiary, joint venture partner or other Person:
 - (A) to fund or facilitate any activities or business of or with any Person or in any country or territory that, at the time of such funding or facilitation, is the subject of Sanctions or is a Sanctioned Country; or
 - (B) in any other manner that will result in a violation of Sanctions by any Person (including any Person participating in the offering, whether as agent, advisor, investor or otherwise).
- (iii) The Entity represents and covenants that, except as detailed in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, for the past 5 years, it has not engaged in, is not now engaging in, and will not engage in, any dealings or transactions with any Person, or in any country or territory, that at the time of the dealing or transaction is or was the subject of Sanctions or is or was a Sanctioned Country.
- (oo) <u>Group Companies</u>. The subsidiaries set forth on Schedule 4 are the Company's only significant subsidiaries (as such term is defined in Rule 1–02 of Regulation S–X promulgated by the Commission). All the outstanding shares of capital stock of each subsidiary, consolidated affiliated entity and subsidiary of consolidated affiliated entity have been duly and validly authorized and issued and are fully paid and non-assessable except that the registered capital of each PRC subsidiary of the Company, consolidated affiliated entity and subsidiary of consolidated affiliated entity is paid in accordance with its articles of association, and, except as otherwise set forth in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, all outstanding shares of capital stock of the subsidiaries are owned or controlled by the Company either directly or through wholly owned subsidiaries free and clear of any perfected security interest or any other security interests, claims, liens or encumbrances.
- (pp) Intellectual Property. The Company and its Group Companies own, possess, license or have other rights to use, on reasonable terms, all patents, patent applications, trade and service marks, trade and service mark registrations, trade names, copyrights, licenses, inventions, trade secrets, technology, know-how and other intellectual property (collectively, the "Intellectual Property") necessary for the conduct of the Company's business as now conducted or, to the Company's knowledge, necessary for the Company's business to be conducted as proposed in the Registration Statement and Prospectus. Except as set forth in the Registration Statement or Prospectus, (a) to the Company's knowledge, there are no rights of third parties to any such Intellectual Property, (b) to the Company's knowledge, there is no infringement by third parties of any such Intellectual Property, (c) there is no pending or, to the Company's knowledge, threatened action, suit, proceeding or claim by others challenging the Company's rights in or to any such Intellectual Property, and the Company is unaware of any facts which would form a reasonable basis for any such claim, (d) there is no pending or, to the Company's knowledge, threatened action, suit, proceeding or claim by others challenging the validity or scope of any such Intellectual Property, and the Company is unaware of any facts which would form a reasonable basis for any such claim, (e) there is no pending or, to the Company's knowledge, threatened action, suit, proceeding or claim by others that the Company infringes or otherwise violates any patent, trademark, copyright, trade secret or other proprietary rights of others, and the Company is unaware of any other fact which would form a reasonable basis for any such claim, (f) to the Company's knowledge, there is no valid and enforceable U.S. patent or published U.S. patent application which contains claims that dominate or may dominate any Intellectual Property described in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus as being owned by or licensed to the Company or that interferes with the issued or pending claims of any such Intellectual Property, and (g) there is no prior art of which the Company is aware that may render any U.S. patent held by the Company invalid or any U.S. patent application held by the Company un-patentable which has not been disclosed to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

- (qq) <u>Relationship with Agents</u>. Except as disclosed in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, the Company (i) does not have any material lending or other relationship with any bank or lending affiliate of the Agents and (ii) does not intend to use any of the proceeds from the sale of the Securities hereunder to repay any outstanding debt owed to any affiliate of the Agents.
- (rr) Immunity. Neither the Company nor any of its Group Companies nor any of its or their properties or assets has any immunity from the jurisdiction of any court or from any legal process (whether through service or notice, attachment prior to judgment, attachment in aid of execution or otherwise) under the laws of the State of New York.
- (ss) <u>Health Care Laws</u>. The Company has operated at all times and is currently in compliance in all material respects with all applicable statutes, rules, regulations and policies of applicable regulatory authorities, including but are not limited to the National Medical Product Administration of the People's Republic of China (collectively, the "<u>Regulatory Authorities</u>") and all applicable federal, state, local and foreign health care laws, including, without limitation:
 - (i) the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder;
 - (ii) the Public Health Service Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder;
 - (iii) the Orphan Drug Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder;
 - (iv) the PRC Drug Administration Law and the regulations promulgated thereunder;
 - (v) the U.S. Anti-Kickback Statute (42 U.S.C. Section 1320a–7b(b)), the Civil Monetary Penalties Law (42 U.S.C. Section 1320a–7a), the U.S. Civil False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. Section 3729 et seq.), all applicable federal, state, local and all foreign criminal laws relating to health care fraud and abuse, including but not limited to the U.S. False Statements Law (42 U.S.C. Section 1320a-7b(a)), 18 U.S.C. Sections 286 and 287, and the health care fraud criminal provisions under the U.S. Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") (42 U.S.C. Section 1320d et seq.), the exclusions law (42 U.S.C. Section 1320a-7), the statutes and regulations of applicable government funded or sponsored healthcare programs, and the regulations promulgated pursuant to such statutes;

- (vi) the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information, the Security Standards, and the Standards for Electronic Transactions and Code Sets promulgated under HIPAA, the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (42 U.S.C. Section 17921 et seq.), and the regulations promulgated thereunder and any state or non-U.S. counterpart thereof;
- (vii) the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, as amended by the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, and the regulations promulgated thereunder;
- (viii) all other local, state, federal, national, supranational and foreign laws, relating to the ownership, testing, development, manufacture, packaging, processing, use, distribution, marketing, labeling, promotion, sale, offer for sale, storage, import, export or disposal of any product under development, manufactured or distributed by the Company; (clauses (i) through (viii), collectively, "Health Care Laws").
- (tt) Governmental Actions Under Health Care Laws. (i) The Company has filed, obtained, maintained or submitted all reports, documents, forms, notices, applications, records, claims, submissions and supplements or amendments as required by any Health Care Laws, and, all such reports, documents, forms, notices, applications, records, claims, submissions and supplements or amendments were timely, complete, accurate and not misleading on the date filed (or were corrected or supplemented by a subsequent submission), except as would not reasonably be expected to cause a Material Adverse Effect, (ii) the Company has not received written notice of any claim, action, suit, proceeding, hearing, enforcement, investigation, arbitration or other action from any court or arbitrator or Regulatory Authority, other governmental entity or third party alleging that any Company or product operation or activity is in violation of any Health Care Laws, including, without limitation, notice of adverse finding, warning letter, untitled letter or other correspondence or notice from any applicable Regulatory Authority or governmental entity, nor, to the Company's knowledge, is any such claim, action, suit, proceeding, hearing, enforcement, investigation, arbitration or other action threatened, (iii) the Company is not a party to any corporate integrity agreements, monitoring agreements, consent decrees, settlement orders, or similar agreements with or imposed by any Regulatory Authority or other governmental entity, and (iv) none of the Company, its officers and directors, or, to the Company's knowledge, any of its employees has been excluded, suspended or debarred from participation in any U.S. federal health care program or human clinical research or, to the knowledge of the Company, is subject to an inquiry, investigation, proceeding or other similar action by a Regulatory Authority or other governmental entity that could reasonably be expected to result in debarment, suspension, or exclusion.
- (uu) Clinical Studies. (i) The studies, tests and preclinical and clinical trials participated or conducted by the Company or, to the knowledge of the Company, on behalf of or sponsored by the Company, were, and if still pending are, being conducted in all material respects in accordance with applicable standard medical and experimental protocols, procedures and controls pursuant to accepted professional scientific research standards and procedures, and all applicable Health Care Laws, the rules and regulations of the Regulatory Authorities and current Good Clinical Practices and Good Laboratory Practices, (ii) the descriptions of the results of such studies and trials contained in the Registration Statement and Prospectus are accurate in all material respects and fairly present the data derived from such trials and studies, (iii) the Company has no knowledge of any other studies or trials not described in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, the results of which call into question the results described or referred to in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, and (iv) the Company has not received any written notices, correspondence or other communications from any Regulatory Authority or any other governmental entity alleging or asserting material noncompliance with any applicable Health Care Law or requiring or threatening the termination, modification or suspension of any studies or trials that are described in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or the results of which are referred to in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, and, to the Company's knowledge, there are no reasonable grounds for the same.

(vv) <u>Statistical and Market-Related Data</u>. The statistical, demographic and market-related data included in the Registration Statement and Prospectus are based on or derived from sources that the Company believes to be reliable and accurate or represent the Company's good faith estimates that are made on the basis of data derived from such sources.

(ww) Cybersecurity. The Company and its Group Companies' information technology assets and equipment, computers, systems, networks, hardware, software, websites, applications, and databases (collectively, "IT Systems") are adequate for, and operate and perform in all material respects as required in connection with the operation of the business of the Company and its Group Companies as currently conducted, free and clear of all material bugs, errors, defects, Trojan horses, time bombs, malware and other corruptants. The Company and each of its Group Companies have implemented and maintained commercially reasonable physical, technical and administrative controls, policies, procedures, and safeguards to maintain and protect their material confidential information and the integrity, continuous operation, redundancy and security of all IT Systems and data, including all "Personal Data" (defined below) and all sensitive, confidential or regulated data ("Confidential Data") used in connection with their businesses. "Personal Data" means (i) a natural person's name, street address, telephone number, e-mail address, photograph, social security number or tax identification number, driver's license number, passport number, credit card number, bank information, or customer or account number; (ii) any information which would qualify as "personally identifying information" under the Federal Trade Commission Act, as amended; (iii) "personal data" as defined by GDPR; (iv) any information which would qualify as "protected health information" under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as amended by the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (collectively, "HIPAA"); (v) any "personal information" as defined by the California Consumer Privacy Act ("CCPA"); (vi) any "personal information" as defined by the Cyber Security Law of the PRC and any laws, rules and regulations promulgated by regulatory authorities of PRC concerning data protection ("Cyber Security Law") and (vii) any other piece of information that allows the identification of such natural person, or his or her family, or permits the collection or analysis of any data related to an identified person's health or sexual orientation. There have been no breaches, violations, outages or unauthorized uses of or accesses to same, except for those that have been remedied without material cost or liability or the duty to notify any other person, nor any incidents under internal review or investigations relating to the same. The Company and its Group Companies are presently in material compliance with all applicable laws or statutes and all judgments, orders, rules and regulations of any court or arbitrator or governmental or regulatory authority, internal policies and contractual obligations relating to the privacy and security of IT Systems, Confidential Data, and Personal Data and to the protection of such IT Systems, Confidential Data, and Personal Data from unauthorized use, access, misappropriation or modification.

(xx) Compliance with Data Privacy Laws. The Company and its Group Companies are, and at all prior times were, in material compliance with all applicable state and federal data privacy and security laws and regulations, including without limitation HIPAA, CCPA, Cyber Security Law and the European Union General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR") (EU 2016/679) (collectively, the "Privacy Laws"). To ensure compliance with the Privacy Laws, the Company and each of its Group Companies has in place, complies with, and takes appropriate steps to ensure compliance in all material respects with their policies and procedures relating to data privacy and security and the collection, storage, use, processing, disclosure, handling, and analysis of Personal Data and Confidential Data (the "Policies"). The Company and each of its Group Companies has at all times made all disclosures to users or customers required by applicable laws and regulatory rules or requirements, and none of such disclosures made or contained in any Policy have been inaccurate or in violation of any applicable laws and regulatory rules or requirements in any material respect. The Company further certifies that neither it nor any of its Group Companies: (i) has received notice of any actual or potential liability under or relating to, or actual or potential violation of, any of the Privacy Laws, and has no knowledge of any event or condition that would reasonably be expected to result in any such notice; (ii) is currently conducting or paying for, in whole or in part, any investigation, remediation, or other corrective action pursuant to any Privacy Law; or (iii) is a party to any order, decree, or agreement that imposes any obligation or liability under any Privacy Law.

(yy) Market Capitalization. At the time the Registration Statement will be originally declared effective, and at the time the Company's most recent Annual Report on Form 20-F is filed with the Commission, the Company will meet the then applicable requirements for the use of Form F-3 under the Securities Act, including, but not limited to, General Instruction I.B.1 and I.B.5 of Form F-3. The aggregate market value of the outstanding voting and non-voting common equity (as defined in Securities Act Rule 405) of the Company held by persons other than affiliates of the Company (pursuant to Securities Act Rule 144, those that directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, control, or are controlled by, or are under common control with, the Company) (the "Non-Affiliate Shares"), was equal to approximately US\$93.5 million (calculated by multiplying (x) the highest price at which the common equity of the Company closed on the Exchange within 60 days of the date of this Agreement times (y) the number of Non-Affiliate Shares). The Company is not a shell company (as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act) and has not been a shell company for at least 12 calendar months previously.

(zz) <u>Underwriter Agreements</u>. The Company is not a party to any agreement with an agent or underwriter for any other "at the market" or continuous equity transaction.

(aaa) Forward-Looking Statements. No forward-looking statement (within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act) (a "Forward-Looking Statement") contained in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus has been made or reaffirmed without a reasonable basis or has been disclosed other than in good faith.

(bbb) Agents Purchases. The Company acknowledges and agrees that Agents have informed the Company that the Agents may, to the extent permitted under the Securities Act and the Exchange Act, purchase and sell Ordinary Shares and/or ADSs for their own accounts while this Agreement is in effect, *provided*, that (i) no such purchase or sales shall take place while a Placement Notice is in effect (except to the extent the Agents may engage in sales of Placement ADSs purchased or deemed purchased from the Company as a "riskless principal" or in a similar capacity) and (ii) the Company shall not be deemed to have authorized or consented to any such purchases or sales by the Agents.

- (ccc) <u>Margin Rules</u>. Neither the issuance, sale and delivery of the Placement ADSs nor the application of the proceeds thereof by the Company as described in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus will violate Regulation T, U or X of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System or any other regulation of such Board of Governors.
- (ddd) <u>Finder's Fees</u>. Neither the Company nor any of the Group Companies has incurred any liability for any finder's fees, brokerage commissions or similar payments in connection with the transactions herein contemplated, except as may otherwise exist with respect to Agents pursuant to this Agreement.
- (eee) <u>Broker/Dealer Relationships</u>. Neither the Company nor any of the Group Companies (i) is required to register as a "broker" or "dealer" in accordance with the provisions of the Exchange Act or (ii) directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, controls or is a "person associated with a member" or "associated person of a member" (within the meaning set forth in the FINRA Manual).
- (fff) No Reliance. The Company has not relied upon the Agents or legal counsel for the Agents for any legal, tax or accounting advice in connection with the offering and sale of the Placement ADSs.

Any certificate signed by an officer of the Company and delivered to the Agents or to counsel for the Agents pursuant to or in connection with this Agreement shall be deemed to be a representation and warranty by the Company, as applicable, to the Agents as to the matters set forth therein.

- 7. Covenants of the Company. The Company covenants and agrees with Agents that:
- (a) Registration Statement Amendments. After the date of this Agreement and during any period in which a Prospectus relating to any Placement ADSs is required to be delivered by Agents under the Securities Act (including in circumstances where such requirement may be satisfied pursuant to Rule 172 under the Securities Act or similar rule), (i) the Company will notify the Agents promptly of the time when any subsequent amendment to the Registration Statement, other than documents incorporated by reference, has been filed with the Commission and/or has become effective or any subsequent supplement to the Prospectus has been filed and of any request by the Commission for any amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement or Prospectus or for additional information, (ii) the Company will prepare and file with the Commission, promptly upon the Agents' reasonable request, any amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement or Prospectus that, in the Agents' opinion, may be necessary or advisable in connection with the distribution of the Placement ADSs by the Agents (provided, however, that the failure of the Agents to make such request shall not relieve the Company of any obligation or liability hereunder, or affect the Agents' right to rely on the representations and warranties made by the Company in this Agreement and provided, further, that the only remedy the Agents shall have with respect to the failure to make such filing shall be to cease making sales under this Agreement until such amendment or supplement is filed); (iii) the Company will not file any amendment or supplement to the Registration Statement or Prospectus relating to the Placement ADSs or a security convertible into the Placement ADSs unless a copy thereof has been submitted to Agents within a reasonable period of time before the filing and the Agents have not objected thereto (provided, however, that the failure of the Agents to make such objection shall not relieve the Company of any obligation or liability hereunder, or affect the Agents' right to rely on the representations and warranties made by the Company in this Agreement and provided, further, that the only remedy the Agents shall have with respect to the failure by the Company to obtain such consent shall be to cease making sales under this Agreement) and the Company will furnish to the Agents at the time of filing thereof a copy of any document that upon filing is deemed to be incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement or Prospectus, except for those documents available via EDGAR; and (iv) the Company will cause each amendment or supplement to the Prospectus to be filed with the Commission as required pursuant to the applicable paragraph of Rule 424(b) of the Securities Act or, in the case of any document to be incorporated therein by reference, to be filed with the Commission as required pursuant to the Exchange Act, within the time period prescribed (the determination to file or not file any amendment or supplement with the Commission under this Section 7(a), based on the Company's reasonable opinion or reasonable objections, shall be made exclusively by the Company).

(b) Notice of Commission Stop Orders. The Company will advise the Agents, promptly after it receives notice or obtains knowledge thereof, of the issuance or threatened issuance by the Commission of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement, of the suspension of the qualification of the Placement ADSs for offering or sale in any jurisdiction, or of the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for any such purpose; and it will promptly use its commercially reasonable efforts to prevent the issuance of any stop order or to obtain its withdrawal if such a stop order should be issued. The Company will advise the Agents promptly after it receives any request by the Commission for any amendments to the Registration Statement or any amendment or supplements to the Prospectus or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus.

(c) <u>Delivery of Prospectus</u>; <u>Subsequent Changes</u>. During any period in which a Prospectus relating to the Placement ADSs is required to be delivered by the Agents under the Securities Act with respect to the offer and sale of the Placement ADSs, (including in circumstances where such requirement may be satisfied pursuant to Rule 172 under the Securities Act or similar rule), the Company will comply with all requirements imposed upon it by the Securities Act, as from time to time in force, and to file on or before their respective due dates all reports and any definitive proxy or information statements required to be filed by the Company with the Commission pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, 15(d) or any other provision of or under the Exchange Act. If the Company has omitted any information from the Registration Statement pursuant to Rule 430B under the Securities Act, it will use its best efforts to comply with the provisions of and make all requisite filings with the Commission pursuant to said Rule 430B and to notify the Agents promptly of all such filings. If during such period any event occurs as a result of which the Prospectus as then amended or supplemented would include an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances then existing, not misleading, or if during such period it is necessary to amend or supplement the Registration Statement or Prospectus to comply with the Securities Act, the Company will promptly notify the Agents to suspend the offering of Placement ADSs during such period and the Company will promptly amend or supplement the Registration Statement or Prospectus (at the expense of the Company) so as to correct such statement or omission or effect such compliance.

- (d) <u>Listing of Placement ADSs</u>. Prior to the date of the first Placement Notice, the Company will use its reasonable best efforts to cause the ADSs to remain listed on the Exchange.
- (e) <u>Delivery of Registration Statement and Prospectus</u>. The Company will furnish to the Agents and their counsel (at the expense of the Company) copies of the Registration Statement, the Prospectus (including all documents incorporated by reference therein) and all amendments and supplements to the Registration Statement or Prospectus that are filed with the Commission during any period in which a Prospectus relating to the Placement ADSs is required to be delivered under the Securities Act (including all documents filed with the Commission during such period that are deemed to be incorporated by reference therein), in each case as soon as reasonably practicable and in such quantities as the Agents may from time to time reasonably request and, at the Agents' request, will also furnish copies of the Prospectus to each exchange or market on which sales of the Placement ADSs may be made; *provided*, *however*, that the Company shall not be required to furnish any document (other than the Prospectus) to the Agents to the extent such document is available on EDGAR.
- (f) <u>Earning Statement</u>. The Company will make generally available to its security holders as soon as practicable, but in any event not later than 15 months after the end of the Company's current fiscal quarter, an earning statement covering a 12-month period that satisfies the provisions of Section 11(a) and Rule 158 of the Securities Act, *provided that* the Company will be deemed to have furnished such statements to its security holders and the Agents to the extent such statements are filed on EDGAR.
 - (g) <u>Use of Proceeds</u>. The Company will use the Net Proceeds as described in the Prospectus in the section entitled "Use of Proceeds."
- (h) Notice of Other Sales. Without the prior written consent of the Agents, the Company will not, directly or indirectly, offer to sell, sell, contract to sell, grant any option to sell or otherwise dispose of any Ordinary Shares or ADSs (other than the Placement ADSs offered pursuant to this Agreement) or securities convertible into or exchangeable for Ordinary Shares or ADSs, warrants or any rights to purchase or acquire, Ordinary Shares or ADSs during the period beginning on the fifth (5th) Trading Day immediately prior to the date on which any Placement Notice is delivered to Agents hereunder and ending on the fifth (5th) Trading Day immediately following the final Settlement Date with respect to Placement ADSs sold pursuant to such Placement Notice (or, if the Placement Notice has been terminated or suspended prior to the sale of all Placement ADSs covered by a Placement Notice, the date of such suspension or termination); and will not directly or indirectly in any other "at the market" or continuous equity transaction offer to sell, sell, contract to sell, grant any option to sell or otherwise dispose of any Ordinary Shares or ADSs (other than the Placement ADSs offered pursuant to this Agreement) or securities convertible into or exchangeable for Ordinary Shares or ADSs, warrants or any rights to purchase or acquire, Ordinary Shares or ADSs prior to the sixtieth (60th) day immediately following the termination of this Agreement; provided, however, that such restrictions will not be required in connection with the Company's issuance or sale of (i) Ordinary Shares or ADSs, options to purchase Ordinary Shares or ADSs or Ordinary Shares or ADSs issuable upon the exercise of options, pursuant to any employee or director stock option or benefits plan, stock ownership plan or dividend reinvestment plan (but not Ordinary Shares or ADSs subject to a waiver to exceed plan limits in its dividend reinvestment plan) of the Company whether now in effect or hereafter implemented, (ii) Ordinary Shares or ADSs issuable upon conversion of securities or the exercise of warrants, options or other rights in effect or outstanding, and disclosed in filings by the Company available on EDGAR or otherwise in writing to the Agents, (iii) Ordinary Shares or ADSs or securities convertible into or exchangeable for shares of Ordinary Shares or ADSs as consideration for mergers, acquisitions, other business combinations or strategic alliances occurring after the date of this Agreement which are not issued for capital raising purposes and (iv) Ordinary Shares or ADSs or securities convertible into or exchangeable for shares of Ordinary Shares or ADSs as consideration for research, collaboration, technology license, development, marketing or other similar agreements or strategic partnerships occurring after the date of this Agreement which are not issued for capital raising purposes.

- (i) <u>Change of Circumstances</u>. The Company will, at any time during the pendency of a Placement Notice advise the Agents promptly after it shall have received notice or obtained knowledge thereof, of any information or fact that would alter or affect in any material respect any opinion, certificate, letter or other document required to be provided to the Agents pursuant to this Agreement.
- (j) <u>Due Diligence Cooperation</u>. The Company will cooperate with any reasonable due diligence review conducted by the Agents or their representatives in connection with the transactions contemplated hereby, including, without limitation, providing information and making available documents and senior corporate officers, during regular business hours and at the Company's principal offices, as the Agents may reasonably request.
- (k) Required Filings Relating to Placement of Placement ADSs. The Company agrees that on such dates as the Securities Act shall require, the Company will (i) file a prospectus supplement with the Commission under the applicable paragraph of Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act (each and every filing date under Rule 424(b), a "Filing Date"), which prospectus supplement will set forth, within the relevant period, the amount of Placement ADSs sold through the Agents, the Net Proceeds to the Company and the compensation payable by the Company to the Agents with respect to such Placement ADSs, and (ii) deliver such number of copies of each such prospectus supplement to each exchange or market on which such sales were effected as may be required by the rules or regulations of such exchange or market; provided, that, unless a prospectus supplement containing such information is required to be filed under the Securities Act, the requirement of this Section 7(k) may be satisfied by Company's inclusion in the Company's next-furnished report on Form 6-K containing its results of operations or Form 20-F, as applicable, of the number or amount of Placement ADSs sold through the Agents, the Net Proceeds to the Company and the compensation payable by the Company to the Agents with respect to such Placement ADSs during the relevant period.

- (1) Representation Dates; Certificate. (1) On or prior to the date of the first Placement Notice and (2) each time the Company:
- (i) files the Prospectus relating to the Placement ADSs or amends or supplements (other than a prospectus supplement relating solely to an offering of securities other than the Placement ADSs or a prospectus supplement filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) pursuant to Section 7(k) of this Agreement) the Registration Statement or the Prospectus relating to the Placement ADSs by means of a post-effective amendment, sticker, or supplement but not by means of incorporation of documents by reference into the Registration Statement or the Prospectus relating to the Placement ADSs;
- (ii) files an annual report on Form 20-F under the Exchange Act (including any Form 20-F/A containing amended financial information or a material amendment to the previously filed Form 20-F);
- (iii) furnishes a current report on Form 6-K under the Exchange Act containing quarterly or semi-annual financial information or on Form 6-K/A containing amended financial information that are identified in such report as being incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and the Prospectus (each date of filing of one or more of the documents referred to in clauses (i) through (iii) shall be a "Representation Date");

the Company shall furnish the Agents with a certificate dated the Representation Date, in the form and substance satisfactory to the Agents and their counsel, substantially similar to the form previously provided to the Agents and their counsel, modified, as necessary, to relate to the Registration Statement and the Prospectus as amended or supplemented. The requirement to provide a certificate under this Section 7(1) shall be waived for any Representation Date occurring at a time a Suspension is in effect, which waiver shall continue until the earlier to occur of the date the Company delivers instructions for the sale of Placement ADSs hereunder (which for such calendar quarter shall be considered a Representation Date) and the next occurring Representation Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Company subsequently decides to sell Placement ADSs following a Representation Date when a Suspension was in effect and did not provide the Agents with a certificate under this Section 7(1), then before the Company delivers the instructions for the sale of Placement ADSs or the Designated Agent sells any Placement ADSs pursuant to such instructions, the Company shall provide the Agents with a certificate in conformity with this Section 7(1) dated as of the date that the instructions for the sale of Placement ADSs are issued.

(m) <u>Legal Opinion</u>. (1) On or prior to the date of the first Placement Notice and (2) within five (5) Trading Days of each Representation Date with respect to which the Company is obligated to deliver a certificate pursuant to <u>Section 7(1)</u> for which no waiver is applicable and excluding the date of this Agreement, the Company shall cause to be furnished to the Agents written opinions of Cooley LLP, CYL & Partners in Association with Cooley HK, AllBright Law Offices, Harney Westwood & Riegels, and Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati (collectively "<u>Company Counsel</u>"), or other counsel satisfactory to the Agents, in form and substance satisfactory to Agents and their counsel, substantially similar to the form previously provided to the Agents and their counsel, modified, as necessary, to relate to the Registration Statement and the Prospectus as then amended or supplemented; *provided, however*, the Company shall be required to furnish to Agents no more than one set of opinions hereunder per calendar quarter; *provided, further*, that in lieu of such opinions for subsequent periodic filings under the Exchange Act, counsel may furnish the Agents with a letter (a "<u>Reliance Letter</u>") to the effect that the Agents may rely on a prior opinion delivered under this <u>Section 7(m)</u> to the same extent as if it were dated the date of such letter (except that statements in such prior opinion shall be deemed to relate to the Registration Statement and the Prospectus as amended or supplemented as of the date of the Reliance Letter).

For purposes of this <u>Section 7(m)</u> and <u>Section 9(e)</u>, the written opinions of Company Counsel shall include written opinions from the following parties with the form and substance reasonably satisfied to the Agents:

- (i) Cooley LLP, U.S. counsel for the Company;
- (ii) CYL & Partners in Association with Cooley HK, Hong Kong counsel for the Company;
- (iii) AllBright Law Offices, PRC counsel for the Company;
- (iv) Harney Westwood & Riegels, Cayman Islands counsel for the Company;
- (v) Harney Westwood & Riegels, British Virgin Island counsel for the Company;
- (vi) Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, U.S. intellectual property counsel for the Company;
- (vii) AllBright Law Offices, PRC intellectual property counsel for the Company; and
- (viii) such other opinions as the Agents may require from time to time.

(n) Comfort Letter. (1) On or prior to the date of the first Placement Notice and (2) within five (5) Trading Days of each Representation Date with respect to which the Company is obligated to deliver a certificate pursuant to Section 7(1) for which no waiver is applicable and excluding the date of this Agreement, the Company shall cause its independent registered public accounting firm to furnish the Agents letters (the "Comfort Letters"), dated the date the Comfort Letter is delivered, which shall meet the requirements set forth in this Section 7(n); provided, that if requested by the Agents, the Company shall cause a Comfort Letter to be furnished to the Agents within ten (10) Trading Days of the date of occurrence of any material transaction or event, including the restatement of the Company's financial statements. The Comfort Letter from the Company's independent registered public accounting firm shall be in a form and substance satisfactory to the Agents, (i) confirming that they are an independent registered public accounting firm within the meaning of the Securities Act and the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, (ii) stating, as of such date, the conclusions and findings of such firm with respect to the financial information and other matters ordinarily covered by accountants "comfort letters" to underwriters in connection with registered public offerings (the first such letter, the "Initial Comfort Letter") and (iii) updating the Initial Comfort Letter with any information that would have been included in the Initial Comfort Letter had it been given on such date and modified as necessary to relate to the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, as amended and supplemented to the date of such letter.

- (o) <u>Market Activities</u>. The Company will not, directly or indirectly, (i) take any action designed to cause or result in, or that constitutes or would reasonably be expected to constitute, the stabilization or manipulation of the price of any security of the Company to facilitate the sale or resale of ADSs or (ii) sell, bid for, or purchase ADSs in violation of Regulation M, or pay anyone any compensation for soliciting purchases of the Placement ADSs other than the Agents.
- (p) <u>Investment Company Act</u>. The Company will conduct its affairs in such a manner so as to reasonably ensure that neither it nor any of its Group Companies will be or become, at any time prior to the termination of this Agreement, required to register as an "investment company," as such term is defined in the Investment Company Act.
- (q) No Offer to Sell. Other than an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus approved in advance by the Company and the Agents in their capacity as agents hereunder, neither the Agents nor the Company (including its agents and representatives, other than the Agents in their capacity as such) will make, use, prepare, authorize, approve or refer to any written communication (as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act), required to be filed with the Commission, that constitutes an offer to sell or solicitation of an offer to buy Placement ADSs hereunder.
- (r) <u>Blue Sky and Other Qualifications</u>. The Company will use its commercially reasonable efforts, in cooperation with the Agents, to qualify the Placement ADSs for offering and sale, or to obtain an exemption for the Placement ADSs to be offered and sold, under the applicable securities laws of such states and other jurisdictions (domestic or foreign) as the Agents may designate and to maintain such qualifications and exemptions in effect for so long as required for the distribution of the Placement ADSs (but in no event for less than one year from the date of this Agreement); *provided, however*, that the Company shall not be obligated to file any general consent to service of process or to qualify as a foreign corporation or as a dealer in securities in any jurisdiction in which it is not so qualified or to subject itself to taxation in respect of doing business in any jurisdiction in which it is not otherwise so subject. In each jurisdiction in which the Placement ADSs have been so qualified or exempt, the Company will file such statements and reports as may be required by the laws of such jurisdiction to continue such qualification or exemption, as the case may be, in effect for so long as required for the distribution of the Placement ADSs (but in no event for less than one year from the date of this Agreement).
- (s) Sarbanes-Oxley Act. The Company and the Group Companies will maintain and keep accurate books and records reflecting their assets and maintain internal accounting controls in a manner designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and including those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Company, (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit the preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, (iii) that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with management's and the Company's directors' authorization, and (iv) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on its financial statements. The Company and the Group Companies will maintain such controls and other procedures, including, without limitation, those required by Sections 302 and 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, and the applicable regulations thereunder that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms, including, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its principal executive officer and principal financial officer, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure and to ensure that material information relating to the Company or the Group Companies is made known to them by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which such periodic reports are being prepared.

- (t) <u>Director's Certificate; Further Documentation</u>. On or prior to the date of the first Placement Notice, the Company shall deliver to the Agents a certificate of a Director of the Company and attested to by an executive officer of the Company, dated as of such date, certifying as to (i) the certificate of incorporation of the Company, (ii) the amended and restated memorandum and articles of association of the Company, (iii) the resolutions of the board of directors of the Company authorizing the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and the issuance of the Ordinary Shares represented by the Placement ADSs and (iv) the incumbency of the officers duly authorized to execute this Agreement and the other documents contemplated by this Agreement. Within five (5) Trading Days of each Representation Date, the Company shall have furnished to the Agents such further information, certificates and documents as the Agents may reasonably request.
- (u) <u>Emerging Growth Company Status</u>. The Company will promptly notify the Agents if the Company ceases to be an Emerging Growth Company at any time during the term of this Agreement.
- (v) <u>Depositary's Counsel Legal Opinion</u>. The Agents shall have received from Emmet, Marvin & Martin, LLP, counsel for the Depositary, an opinion, on or prior to the date of the First Placement Notice, satisfactory in form and substance to the Agents and counsel for the Agents.
- (w) Tax Matters. All payments made by the Company under this Agreement will be made without withholding or deduction for or on account of any present or future taxes, duties, assessments or governmental charges of whatever nature unless the Company is or becomes required by law to withhold or deduct such taxes, duties, assessments or other governmental charges. In such event, the Company will pay such additional amounts as will result, after such withholding or deduction, in the receipt by each Agent of the amounts that would otherwise have been receivable in respect thereof, provided that no additional amounts will be payable to an Agent with respect to taxes that would not have been imposed but for the Agent being organized under the laws of, or a tax resident in, the Cayman Islands or the PRC.

- 8. Payment of Expenses. The Company will pay all expenses incident to the performance of its obligations under this Agreement, including (i) the preparation and filing of the Registration Statement, including any fees required by the Commission, and the printing or electronic delivery of the Prospectus as originally filed and of each amendment and supplement thereto, in such number as the Agents shall deem necessary, (ii) the printing and delivery to the Agents of this Agreement and such other documents as may be required in connection with the offering, purchase, sale, issuance or delivery of the Placement ADSs, (iii) the preparation, issuance and delivery of the certificates, if any, for the Placement ADSs to the Agents, including any stock or other transfer taxes and any capital duties, stamp duties or other duties or similar taxes payable upon the sale, issuance or delivery of the Placement ADSs to the Agents, (iv) the fees and disbursements of the counsel, accountants and other advisors to the Company, (v) the fees and expenses of Agents including but not limited to the fees and expenses of the counsel to the Agents, (a) payable upon the execution of this Agreement in an aggregate amount not to exceed US\$85,000 and (b) payable at the end of each fiscal quarter in an aggregate amount not to exceed US\$25,000 each quarter, (vi) the qualification or exemption of the Placement ADSs under state securities laws in accordance with the provisions of Section 7(r) hereof, including filing fees, but excluding fees of the Agents' counsel, (vii) the printing and delivery to the Agents of copies of any Permitted Issuer Free Writing Prospectus and the Prospectus and any amendments or supplements thereto in such number as the Agents shall deem necessary, (viii) the preparation, printing and delivery to the Agents of copies of the blue sky survey, (ix) the fees and expenses of the transfer agent and registrar for the Placement ADSs, (x) the filing and other fees incident to any review by FINRA of the terms of the sale of the Placement ADSs including the fees of the Agents' counsel (subject to the cap, set forth in clause (v) above), and (xi) the fees and expenses incurred in connection with the listing of the Placement ADSs on the Exchange.
- 9. <u>Conditions to Agents' Obligations</u>. The obligations of the Agents hereunder with respect to a Placement will be subject to the continuing accuracy and completeness of the representations and warranties made by the Company herein, to the due performance by the Company of its obligations hereunder, to the completion by the Agents of a due diligence review satisfactory to it in its reasonable judgment, and to the continuing satisfaction (or waiver by the Agents in their sole discretion) of the following additional conditions:
- (a) <u>Registration Statement Effective</u>. The Registration Statement shall have become effective and shall be available for the (i) resale of all Placement ADSs issued to the Agents and not yet sold by the Agents and (ii) sale of all Placement ADSs contemplated to be issued by any Placement Notice.
- (b) No Material Notices. None of the following events shall have occurred and be continuing: (i) receipt by the Company of any request for additional information from the Commission or any other federal or state Governmental Authority during the period of effectiveness of the Registration Statement, the response to which would require any post-effective amendments or supplements to the Registration Statement or the Prospectus; (ii) the issuance by the Commission or any other federal or state Governmental Authority of any stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Registration Statement or the initiation of any proceedings for that purpose; (iii) receipt by the Company of any notification with respect to the suspension of the qualification or exemption from qualification of any of the Placement ADSs for sale in any jurisdiction or the initiation or threatening of any proceeding for such purpose; or (iv) the occurrence of any event that makes any material statement made in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus or any material document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated therein by reference untrue in any material respect or that requires the making of any changes in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or documents so that, in the case of the Registration Statement, it will not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading and, that in the case of the Prospectus, it will not contain an untrue statement of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading.

- (c) No Misstatement or Material Omission. Agents shall not have advised the Company that the Registration Statement or Prospectus, or any amendment or supplement thereto, contains an untrue statement of fact that in the Agents' reasonable opinion after consulting with external counsel is material, or omits to state a fact that in the Agents' reasonable opinion is material and is required to be stated therein or is necessary to make the statements therein not misleading.
- (d) <u>Material Changes</u>. Except as contemplated in the Prospectus, or disclosed in the Company's reports filed with the Commission, there shall not have been any material adverse change in the authorized capital stock of the Company or any Material Adverse Effect or any development that would cause a Material Adverse Effect, or a downgrading in or withdrawal of the rating assigned to any of the Company's securities (other than asset backed securities) by any rating organization or a public announcement by any rating organization that it has under surveillance or review its rating of any of the Company's securities (other than asset backed securities), the effect of which, in the case of any such action by a rating organization described above, in the reasonable judgment of the Agents (without relieving the Company of any obligation or liability it may otherwise have), is so material as to make it impracticable or inadvisable to proceed with the offering of the Placement ADSs on the terms and in the manner contemplated in the Prospectus.
- (e) <u>Legal Opinions</u>. The Agents shall have received the opinions of Company Counsel required to be delivered pursuant to <u>Section 7(m)</u> on or before the date on which such delivery of such opinions is required pursuant to <u>Section 7(m)</u>.
- (f) <u>Comfort Letter</u>. The Agents shall have received the Comfort Letter required to be delivered pursuant to <u>Section 7(n)</u> on or before the date on which such delivery of such Comfort Letter is required pursuant to <u>Section 7(n)</u>.
- (g) <u>Representation Certificate</u>. The Agents shall have received the certificate required to be delivered pursuant to <u>Section 7(1)</u> on or before the date on which delivery of such certificate is required pursuant to <u>Section 7(1)</u>.
- (h) No Suspension. Trading in the ADSs shall not have been suspended on the Exchange and the ADSs shall not have been delisted from the Exchange.

- (i) Other Materials. On each date on which the Company is required to deliver a certificate pursuant to Section 7(1), the Company shall have furnished to the Agents such appropriate further information, opinions, certificates, letters and other documents as the Agents may reasonably request. All such opinions, certificates, letters and other documents will be in compliance with the provisions hereof.
- (j) <u>Securities Act Filings Made</u>. All filings with the Commission required by Rule 424 under the Securities Act to have been filed prior to the issuance of any Placement Notice hereunder shall have been made within the applicable time period prescribed for such filing by Rule 424.
- (k) <u>Approval for Listing</u>. The Placement ADSs shall either have been (i) approved for listing on the Exchange, subject only to notice of issuance, or (ii) the Company shall have filed an application for listing of the Placement ADSs on the Exchange at, or prior to, the issuance of any Placement Notice and the Exchange shall have reviewed such application and not provided any objections thereto.
- (I) <u>FINRA</u>. If applicable, FINRA shall have raised no objection to the terms of this offering and the amount of compensation allowable or payable to the Agents as described in the Prospectus.
- (m) No Termination Event. There shall not have occurred any event that would permit the Agents to terminate this Agreement pursuant to Section 12(a).

10. Indemnification and Contribution.

- (a) <u>Company Indemnification</u>. The Company agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Agents, their affiliates and their respective partners, members, directors, officers, employees and agents and each person, if any, who controls any of the Agents or any affiliate within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act as follows:
- (i) against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense whatsoever, as incurred, joint or several, arising out of or based upon any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact contained in the Registration Statement (or any amendment thereto), or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary to make the statements therein not misleading, or arising out of any untrue statement or alleged untrue statement of a material fact included in any related Issuer Free Writing Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto), or the omission or alleged omission therefrom of a material fact necessary in order to make the statements therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading;
- (ii) against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense whatsoever, as incurred, joint or several, to the extent of the aggregate amount paid in settlement of any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any Governmental Authority, commenced or threatened, or of any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue statement or omission, or any such alleged untrue statement or omission; *provided* that (subject to Section 10(d) below) any such settlement is effected with the written consent of the Company, which consent shall not unreasonably be delayed or withheld; and

(iii) against any and all expense whatsoever, as incurred (including the fees and disbursements of counsel), reasonably incurred in investigating, preparing or defending against any litigation, or any investigation or proceeding by any Governmental Authority, commenced or threatened, or any claim whatsoever based upon any such untrue statement or omission, or any such alleged untrue statement or omission (whether or not a party), to the extent that any such expense is not paid under (i) or (ii) above,

provided, *however*, that this indemnity agreement shall not apply to any loss, liability, claim, damage or expense to the extent arising out of any untrue statement or omission or alleged untrue statement or omission made solely in reliance upon and in conformity with the Agents Information (as defined below).

(b) Agents Indemnification. Agents agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Company and its directors and each officer of the Company who signed the Registration Statement, and each person, if any, who controls the Company within the meaning of Section 15 of the Securities Act or Section 20 of the Exchange Act against any and all loss, liability, claim, damage and expense described in the indemnity contained in Section 10(a), as incurred, but only with respect to untrue statements or omissions, or alleged untrue statements or omissions, made in the Registration Statement (or any amendments thereto), the Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto) or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto) in reliance upon and in conformity with information relating to the Agents and furnished to the Company in writing by the Agents expressly for use therein. The Company hereby acknowledges that the only information that the Agents have furnished to the Company expressly for use in the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus (or any amendment or supplement thereto) are the statements set forth in the eighth paragraph under the caption "Plan of Distribution" in the Prospectus (the "Agents Information").

(c) Procedure. Any party that proposes to assert the right to be indemnified under this Section 10 will, promptly after receipt of notice of commencement of any action against such party in respect of which a claim is to be made against an indemnifying party or parties under this Section 10, notify each such indemnifying party of the commencement of such action, enclosing a copy of all papers served, but the omission so to notify such indemnifying party will not relieve the indemnifying party from (i) any liability that it might have to any indemnified party otherwise than under this Section 10 and (ii) any liability that it may have to any indemnified party under the foregoing provision of this Section 10 unless, and only to the extent that, such omission results in the forfeiture of substantive rights or defenses by the indemnifying party. If any such action is brought against any indemnified party and it notifies the indemnifying party of its commencement, the indemnifying party will be entitled to participate in and, to the extent that it elects by delivering written notice to the indemnified party promptly after receiving notice of the commencement of the action from the indemnified party, jointly with any other indemnifying party similarly notified, to assume the defense of the action, with counsel reasonably satisfactory to the indemnified party, and after notice from the indemnifying party to the indemnified party of its election to assume the defense, the indemnifying party will not be liable to the indemnified party for any other legal expenses except as provided below and except for the reasonable and documented costs of investigation subsequently incurred by the indemnified party in connection with the defense. The indemnified party will have the right to employ its own counsel in any such action, but the fees, expenses and other charges of such counsel will be at the expense of such indemnified party unless (1) the employment of counsel by the indemnified party has been authorized in writing by the indemnifying party, (2) the indemnified party has reasonably concluded (based on advice of counsel) that there may be legal defenses available to it or other indemnified parties that are different from or in addition to those available to the indemnifying party, (3) a conflict or potential conflict exists (based on advice of counsel to the indemnified party) between the indemnified party and the indemnifying party (in which case the indemnifying party will not have the right to direct the defense of such action on behalf of the indemnified party) or (4) the indemnifying party has not in fact employed counsel to assume the defense of such action or counsel reasonably satisfactory to the indemnified party, in each case, within a reasonable time after receiving notice of the commencement of the action; in each of which cases the reasonable and documented fees, disbursements and other charges of counsel will be at the expense of the indemnifying party or parties. It is understood that the indemnifying party or parties shall not, in connection with any proceeding or related proceedings in the same jurisdiction, be liable for the reasonable and documented fees, disbursements and other charges of more than one separate firm (plus local counsel) admitted to practice in such jurisdiction at any one time for all such indemnified party or parties. All such fees, disbursements and other charges will be reimbursed by the indemnifying party promptly after the indemnifying party receives a written invoice relating to fees, disbursements and other charges in reasonable detail. An indemnifying party will not, in any event, be liable for any settlement of any action or claim effected without its written consent. No indemnifying party shall, without the prior written consent of each indemnified party, settle or compromise or consent to the entry of any judgment in any pending or threatened claim, action or proceeding relating to the matters contemplated by this Section 10 (whether or not any indemnified party is a party thereto), unless such settlement, compromise or consent (1) includes an express and unconditional release of each indemnified party, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to such indemnified party, from all liability arising out of such litigation, investigation, proceeding or claim and (2) does not include a statement as to or an admission of fault, culpability or a failure to act by or on behalf of any indemnified

(d) <u>Settlement Without Consent if Failure to Reimburse</u>. If an indemnified party shall have requested an indemnifying party to reimburse the indemnified party for reasonable fees and expenses of counsel for which it is entitled to be reimbursed under this Section 10, such indemnifying party agrees that it shall be liable for any settlement of the nature contemplated by <u>Section 10(a)(ii)</u> effected without its written consent if (1) such settlement is entered into more than 45 days after receipt by such indemnifying party of the aforesaid request, (2) such indemnifying party shall have received notice of the terms of such settlement at least 30 days prior to such settlement being entered into and (3) such indemnifying party shall not have reimbursed such indemnified party in accordance with such request prior to the date of such settlement.

(e) Contribution. In order to provide for just and equitable contribution in circumstances in which the indemnification provided for in the foregoing paragraphs of this Section 10 is applicable in accordance with its terms but for any reason is held to be unavailable or insufficient from the Company or the Agents, the Company and the Agents will contribute to the total losses, claims, liabilities, expenses and damages (including any investigative, legal and other expenses reasonably incurred in connection with, and any amount paid in settlement of, any action, suit or proceeding or any claim asserted) to which the Company and the Agents may be subject in such proportion as shall be appropriate to reflect the relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and the Agents on the other hand. The relative benefits received by the Company on the one hand and the Agents on the other hand shall be deemed to be in the same proportion as the total net proceeds from the sale of the Placement ADSs (before deducting expenses) received by the Company bear to the total compensation received by the Agents from the sale of Placement ADSs on behalf of the Company. If, but only if, the allocation provided by the foregoing sentence is not permitted by applicable law, the allocation of contribution shall be made in such proportion as is appropriate to reflect not only the relative benefits referred to in the foregoing sentence but also the relative fault of the Company, on the one hand, and the Agents, on the other hand, with respect to the statements or omission that resulted in such loss, claim, liability, expense or damage, or action in respect thereof, as well as any other relevant equitable considerations with respect to such offering. Such relative fault shall be determined by reference to, among other things, whether the untrue or alleged untrue statement of a material fact or omission or alleged omission to state a material fact relates to information supplied by the Company or the Agents, the intent of the parties and their relative knowledge, access to information and opportunity to correct or prevent such statement or omission. The Company and the Agents agree that it would not be just and equitable if contributions pursuant to this Section 10(e) were to be determined by pro rata allocation or by any other method of allocation that does not take into account the equitable considerations referred to herein. The amount paid or payable by an indemnified party as a result of the loss, claim, liability, expense, or damage, or action in respect thereof, referred to above in this Section 10(e) shall be deemed to include, for the purpose of this Section 10(e), any legal or other expenses reasonably incurred by such indemnified party in connection with investigating or defending any such action or claim to the extent consistent with Section 10(e), hereof. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Section 10(e), the Agents shall not be required to contribute any amount in excess of the commissions received by it under this Agreement and no person found guilty of fraudulent misrepresentation (within the meaning of Section 11(f) of the Securities Act) will be entitled to contribution from any person who was not guilty of such fraudulent misrepresentation. For purposes of this Section 10(e), any person who controls a party to this Agreement within the meaning of the Securities Act, any affiliates of the Agents and any officers, directors, partners, employees or agents of the Agents or any of their affiliates, will have the same rights to contribution as that party, and each director of the Company and each officer of the Company who signed the Registration Statement will have the same rights to contribution as the Company, subject in each case to the provisions hereof. Any party entitled to contribution, promptly after receipt of notice of commencement of any action against such party in respect of which a claim for contribution may be made under this Section 10(e), will notify any such party or parties from whom contribution may be sought, but the omission to so notify will not relieve that party or parties from whom contribution may be sought from any other obligation it or they may have under this Section 10(e) except to the extent that the failure to so notify such other party materially prejudiced the substantive rights or defenses of the party from whom contribution is sought. Except for a settlement entered into pursuant to the last sentence of Section 10(c) hereof, no party will be liable for contribution with respect to any action or claim settled without its written consent if such consent is required pursuant to Section 10(c) hereof.

11. <u>Representations and Agreements to Survive Delivery.</u> The indemnity and contribution agreements contained in <u>Section 10</u> of this Agreement and all representations and warranties of the Company herein or in certificates delivered pursuant hereto shall survive, as of their respective dates, regardless of (i) any investigation made by or on behalf of the Agents, any controlling persons, or the Company (or any of their respective officers, directors, employees or controlling persons), (ii) delivery and acceptance of the Placement ADSs and payment therefor or (iii) any termination of this Agreement.

12. Termination.

- (a) The Agents may terminate this Agreement, by written notice to the Company, as hereinafter specified at any time (1) if there has been, since the time of execution of this Agreement or since the date as of which information is given in the Prospectus, any change, or any development or event involving a prospective change, in the condition, financial or otherwise, or in the business, properties, earnings, results of operations or prospects of the Company and its Group Companies considered as one enterprise, whether or not arising in the ordinary course of business, which individually or in the aggregate, in the sole judgment of the Agents are material and adverse and makes it impractical or inadvisable to market the Placement ADSs or to enforce contracts for the sale of the Placement ADSs, (2) if there has occurred any material adverse change in the financial markets in the United States or the international financial markets, any outbreak of hostilities or escalation thereof or other calamity or crisis or any change or development involving a prospective change in national or international political, financial or economic conditions, in each case the effect of which is such as to make it, in the judgment of the Agents, impracticable or inadvisable to market the Placement ADSs or to enforce contracts for the sale of the Placement ADSs, (3) if trading in the ADSs has been suspended or limited by the Commission or the Exchange, or if trading generally on the Exchange has been suspended or limited, or minimum prices for trading have been fixed on the Exchange, (4) if any suspension of trading of any securities of the Company on any exchange or in the over-the-counter market shall have occurred and be continuing, (5) if a major disruption of securities settlements or clearance services in the United States shall have occurred and be continuing, or (6) if a banking moratorium has been declared by either U.S. Federal or New York authorities. Any such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party except that the provisions of Section 8 (Payment of Expenses), Section 10 (Indemnification and Contribution), Section 11 (Representations and Agreements to Survive Delivery), Section 17 (Governing Law and Time; Waiver of Jury Trial) and Section 18 (Consent to Jurisdiction) hereof shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding such termination. If the Agents elect to terminate this Agreement as provided in this Section 12(a), the Agents shall provide the required notice as specified in Section 13 (Notices).
- (b) The Company shall have the right, by giving ten (10) days notice as hereinafter specified to terminate this Agreement in its sole discretion at any time after the date of this Agreement. Any such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party except that the provisions of Section 8, Section 10, Section 11, Section 17 and Section 18 hereof shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding such termination.
- (c) Each of the Agents shall have the right, by giving ten (10) days notice as hereinafter specified to terminate this Agreement, with respect to such Agent's rights and obligations under this Agreement, in its sole discretion at any time after the date of this Agreement. Any such termination shall be without liability of any party to any other party except that the provisions of Section 8, Section 10, Section 11, Section 17 and Section 18 hereof shall remain in full force and effect notwithstanding such termination. For the avoidance of doubt, the termination by one Agent of its rights and obligations under this Agreement pursuant to this Section 12(c) shall not affect the rights and obligations of the other Agent under this Agreement.

- (d) This Agreement shall remain in full force and effect unless terminated pursuant to <u>Sections 12(a)</u>, (b), or (c) above or otherwise by mutual agreement of the parties; *provided*, *however*, that any such termination by mutual agreement shall in all cases be deemed to provide that <u>Section 8</u>, <u>Section 10</u>, <u>Section 11</u>, <u>Section 17</u> and <u>Section 18</u> shall remain in full force and effect.
- (e) Any termination of this Agreement shall be effective on the date specified in such notice of termination; *provided*, *however*, that such termination shall not be effective until the close of business on the date of receipt of such notice by the Agents or the Company, as the case may be. If such termination shall occur prior to the Settlement Date for any sale of Placement ADSs, such Placement ADSs shall settle in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.
- 13. <u>Notices</u>. All notices or other communications required or permitted to be given by any party to any other party pursuant to the terms of this Agreement shall be in writing, unless otherwise specified, and if sent to the Agents, shall be delivered to:

Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. 499 Park Avenue New York, NY 10022 Attention: Capital Markets Facsimile: (212) 307-3730

and.

Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. 499 Park Avenue New York, NY 10022 Attention: General Counsel Facsimile: (212) 829-4708

and:

BTIG, LLC 600 Montgomery Street San Francisco, CA 94111 Attention: Equity Capital Markets Email: BTIGUSATMTrading@btig.com

and:

BTIG, LLC
600 Montgomery Street
San Francisco, CA 94111
Attention: General Counsel & Chief Compliance Officer
Email: <u>IBLegal@btig.com</u>; BTIGUSControlRoom@btig.com

with a copy to:

Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP 450 Lexington Avenue New York, NY 10017 Attention: Yasin Keshvargar, Esq. Xuelin (Steve) Wang, Esq. Facsimile: (212) 701-5839

and if to the Company, shall be delivered to:

Gracell Biotechnologies Inc.
Building 12, Block B, Phase II, Biobay Industrial Park
218 Sangtian Str. Suzhou Industrial Park, 215123
People's Republic of China
Attention: Kevin Xie
Facsimile: +86-021-64031522

with a copy to:

Cooley LLP Suites 3501-3505, 35/F Two Exchange Square 8 Connaught Place Central, Hong Kong Attention: Will H. Cai, Esq. Email: wcai@cooley.com

Each party to this Agreement may change such address for notices by sending to the parties to this Agreement written notice of a new address for such purpose. Each such notice or other communication shall be deemed given (i) when delivered personally or by verifiable facsimile transmission (with an original to follow) on or before 4:30 p.m., New York City time, on a Business Day or, if such day is not a Business Day, on the next succeeding Business Day, (ii) by Electronic Notice, as set forth below, (iii) on the next Business Day after timely delivery to a nationally-recognized overnight courier or (iv) on the Business Day actually received if deposited in the U.S. mail (certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid). For purposes of this Agreement, "Business Day" shall mean any day on which the Exchange and commercial banks in the City of New York are open for business.

An electronic communication ("<u>Electronic Notice</u>") shall be deemed written notice for purposes of this Section 13 if sent to the electronic mail address specified by the receiving party under separate cover. Electronic Notice shall be deemed received at the time the party sending Electronic Notice receives verification of receipt by the receiving party. Any party receiving Electronic Notice may request and shall be entitled to receive the notice on paper, in a nonelectronic form ("<u>Nonelectronic Notice</u>") which shall be sent to the requesting party within ten (10) days of receipt of the written request for Nonelectronic Notice.

14. <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Company and the Agents and their respective successors and the parties referred to in Section 10 hereof. References to any of the parties contained in this Agreement shall be deemed to include the successors and permitted assigns of such party. Nothing in this Agreement, express or implied, is intended to confer upon any party other than the parties hereto or their respective successors and permitted assigns any rights, remedies, obligations or liabilities under or by reason of this Agreement, except as expressly provided in this Agreement. Neither party may assign its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party; *provided*, *however*, that each Agent may assign its rights and obligations hereunder to an affiliate thereof without obtaining the Company's consent so long as such affiliate is a registered broker dealer and such Agent provides notice of such assignment to the Company.

- 15. <u>Adjustments for Stock Splits</u>. The parties acknowledge and agree that all share-related numbers contained in this Agreement shall be adjusted to take into account any stock split, stock dividend or similar event effected with respect to the Ordinary Shares represented by the Placement ADSs.
- 16. Entire Agreement; Amendment; Severability; Waiver. This Agreement (including all schedules and exhibits attached hereto and Placement Notices issued pursuant hereto) constitutes the entire agreement and supersedes all other prior and contemporaneous agreements and undertakings, both written and oral, among the parties hereto with regard to the subject matter hereof. Neither this Agreement nor any term hereof may be amended except pursuant to a written instrument executed by the Company and the Agents. In the event that any one or more of the provisions contained herein, or the application thereof in any circumstance, is held invalid, illegal or unenforceable as written by a court of competent jurisdiction, then such provision shall be given full force and effect to the fullest possible extent that it is valid, legal and enforceable, and the remainder of the terms and provisions herein shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable term or provision was not contained herein, but only to the extent that giving effect to such provision and the remainder of the terms and provisions hereof shall be in accordance with the intent of the parties as reflected in this Agreement. No implied waiver by a party shall arise in the absence of a waiver in writing signed by such party. No failure or delay in exercising any right, power, or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise thereof preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any right, power, or privilege hereunder.
- 17. GOVERNING LAW AND TIME; WAIVER OF JURY TRIAL. THIS AGREEMENT SHALL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK WITHOUT REGARD TO THE PRINCIPLES OF CONFLICTS OF LAWS. SPECIFIED TIMES OF DAY REFER TO NEW YORK CITY TIME. EACH PARTY HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY AND ALL RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY IN ANY LEGAL PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY.
- 18. <u>CONSENT TO JURISDICTION</u>. EACH PARTY HEREBY IRREVOCABLY SUBMITS TO THE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF THE STATE AND FEDERAL COURTS SITTING IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK, BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN, FOR THE ADJUDICATION OF ANY DISPUTE HEREUNDER OR IN CONNECTION WITH ANY TRANSACTION CONTEMPLATED HEREBY, AND HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES, AND AGREES NOT TO ASSERT IN ANY SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING, ANY CLAIM THAT IT IS NOT PERSONALLY SUBJECT TO THE JURISDICTION OF ANY SUCH COURT, THAT SUCH SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING IS BROUGHT IN AN INCONVENIENT FORUM OR THAT THE VENUE OF SUCH SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING IS IMPROPER.

THE COMPANY HAS APPOINTED COGENCY GLOBAL INC. AT 122 EAST 42ND STREET, 18TH FLOOR, NEW YORK, NY 10168, AS ITS AUTHORIZED AGENT (THE "AUTHORIZED AGENT") UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED IN ANY SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING ARISING OUT OF OR BASED UPON THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREIN THAT MAY BE INSTITUTED IN ANY STATE OR U.S. FEDERAL COURT IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, BY ANY AGENTS, THE DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES, AFFILIATES AND AGENTS OF ANY AGENTS, OR BY ANY PERSON WHO CONTROLS ANY AGENTS, AND EXPRESSLY ACCEPTS THE NON-EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF ANY SUCH COURT IN RESPECT OF ANY SUCH SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING. THE COMPANY HEREBY REPRESENTS AND WARRANTS THAT THE AUTHORIZED AGENT HAS ACCEPTED SUCH APPOINTMENT AND HAS AGREED TO ACT AS SAID AGENT FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS, AND THE COMPANY AGREES TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTION, INCLUDING THE FILING OF ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS THAT MAY BE NECESSARY TO CONTINUE SUCH APPOINTMENT IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT AS AFORESAID. NOTWITHSTANDING THE FOREGOING, ANY ACTION ARISING OUT OF OR BASED UPON THIS AGREEMENT MAY BE INSTITUTED BY ANY AGENTS, THE DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS OF ANY AGENTS, OR BY ANY PERSON WHO CONTROLS ANY AGENTS, IN ANY COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION IN CAYMAN ISLANDS.

EACH PARTY HEREBY IRREVOCABLY WAIVES PERSONAL SERVICE OF PROCESS AND CONSENTS TO PROCESS BEING SERVED IN ANY SUCH SUIT, ACTION OR PROCEEDING BY MAILING A COPY THEREOF (CERTIFIED OR REGISTERED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED) TO SUCH PARTY AT THE ADDRESS IN EFFECT FOR NOTICES TO IT UNDER THIS AGREEMENT AND AGREES THAT SUCH SERVICE SHALL CONSTITUTE GOOD AND SUFFICIENT SERVICE OF PROCESS AND NOTICE THEREOF; PROVIDED THAT SERVICE OF PROCESS UPON THE AUTHORIZED AGENT SHALL BE DEEMED, IN EVERY RESPECT, EFFECTIVE SERVICE OF PROCESS UPON THE COMPANY. NOTHING CONTAINED HEREIN SHALL BE DEEMED TO LIMIT IN ANY WAY ANY RIGHT TO SERVE PROCESS IN ANY MANNER PERMITTED BY LAW.

- 19. <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Delivery of an executed Agreement by one party to the other may be made by facsimile or electronic transmission.
- 20. <u>Construction</u>. The section and exhibit headings herein are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof. References herein to any law, statute, ordinance, code, regulation, rule or other requirement of any Governmental Authority shall be deemed to refer to such law, statute, ordinance, code, regulation, rule or other requirement of any Governmental Authority as amended, reenacted, supplemented or superseded in whole or in part and in effect from time to time and also to all rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

21. Permitted Free Writing Prospectuses. The Company represents, warrants and agrees that, unless it obtains the prior written consent of the Agents, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed, and the each of the Agents represent, warrant and agree that, unless it obtains the prior written consent of the Company, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed, it has not made and will not make any offer relating to the Placement ADSs that would constitute an Issuer Free Writing Prospectus, or that would otherwise constitute a "free writing prospectus," as defined in Rule 405, required to be filed with the Commission. Any such free writing prospectus consented to by the Agents or by the Company, as the case may be, is hereinafter referred to as a "Permitted Free Writing Prospectus." The Company represents and warrants that it has treated and agrees that it will treat each Permitted Free Writing Prospectus as an "issuer free writing prospectus," as defined in Rule 433, and has complied and will comply with the requirements of Rule 433 applicable to any Permitted Free Writing Prospectus, including timely filing with the Commission where required, legending and record keeping. For the purposes of clarity, the parties hereto agree that all free writing prospectuses, if any, listed in Exhibit 21 hereto are Permitted Free Writing Prospectuses.

22. Absence of Fiduciary Relationship. The Company acknowledges and agrees that:

- (a) the Agents are acting solely as agents in connection with the public offering of the Placement ADSs and in connection with each transaction contemplated by this Agreement and the process leading to such transactions, and no fiduciary or advisory relationship between the Company or any of its respective affiliates, stockholders (or other equity holders), creditors or employees or any other party, on the one hand, and the Agents, on the other hand, has been or will be created in respect of any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, irrespective of whether or not the Agents have advised or are advising the Company on other matters, and the Agents have no obligation to the Company with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement except the obligations expressly set forth in this Agreement;
- (b) it is capable of evaluating and understanding, and understands and accepts, the terms, risks and conditions of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement;
- (c) neither the Agents nor their affiliates have provided any legal, accounting, regulatory or tax advice with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and they have consulted their own legal, accounting, regulatory and tax advisors to the extent they have deemed appropriate;
- (d) it is aware that the Agents and their affiliates are engaged in a broad range of transactions which may involve interests that differ from those of the Company and the Agents and their affiliates have no obligation to disclose such interests and transactions to the Company by virtue of any fiduciary, advisory or agency relationship or otherwise; and
- (e) it waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any claims it may have against the Agents or their affiliates for breach of fiduciary duty or alleged breach of fiduciary duty in connection with the sale of Placement ADSs under this Agreement and agrees that the Agents and their affiliates shall not have any liability (whether direct or indirect, in contract, tort or otherwise) to it in respect of such a fiduciary duty claim or to any person asserting a fiduciary duty claim on its behalf or in right of it or the Company, employees or creditors of Company.

23. Recognition of the U.S. Special Resolution Regimes.

- (a) In the event that any Agent that is a Covered Entity becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, the transfer from such Agent of this Agreement, and any interest and obligation in or under this Agreement, will be effective to the same extent as the transfer would be effective under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if this Agreement, and any such interest and obligation, were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States.
- (b) In the event that any Agent that is a Covered Entity or a BHC Act Affiliate of such Agent becomes subject to a proceeding under a U.S. Special Resolution Regime, Default Rights under this Agreement that may be exercised against such Agent are permitted to be exercised to no greater extent than such Default Rights could be exercised under the U.S. Special Resolution Regime if this Agreement were governed by the laws of the United States or a state of the United States.

As used in this Section 23, "BHC Act Affiliate" has the meaning assigned to the term "affiliate" in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 U.S.C. § 1841(k); "Covered Entity" means any of the following: (i) a "covered entity" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 252.82(b), (ii) a "covered bank" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 47.3(b) or (iii) a "covered FSI" as that term is defined in, and interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. § 382.2(b); "Default Right" has the meaning assigned to that term in, and shall be interpreted in accordance with, 12 C.F.R. §§ 252.81, 47.2 or 382.1, as applicable; and "U.S. Special Resolution Regime" means each of (i) the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder and (ii) Title II of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder

- 24. Headings. The section headings used herein are for convenience only and shall not affect the construction hereof.
- 25. <u>Definitions</u>. As used in this Agreement, the following terms have the respective meanings set forth below:
- "Applicable Time" means (i) each Representation Date, (ii) the time of each sale of any Placement ADSs pursuant to this Agreement and (iii) each Settlement Date.

"Governmental Authority" means (i) any federal, provincial, state, local, municipal, national or international government or governmental authority, regulatory or administrative agency, governmental commission, department, board, bureau, agency or instrumentality, court, tribunal, arbitrator or arbitral body (public or private); (ii) any self-regulatory organization; or (iii) any political subdivision of any of the foregoing.

"Issuer Free Writing Prospectus" means any "issuer free writing prospectus," as defined in Rule 433, relating to the Placement ADSs that (1) is required to be filed with the Commission by the Company, (2) is a "road show" that is a "written communication" within the meaning of Rule 433(d)(8) (i) whether or not required to be filed with the Commission, or (3) is exempt from filing pursuant to Rule 433(d)(5)(i) because it contains a description of the Placement ADSs or of the offering that does not reflect the final terms, in each case in the form filed or required to be filed with the Commission or, if not required to be filed, in the form retained in the Company's records pursuant to Rule 433(g) under the Securities Act Regulations.

"Rule 164," "Rule 172," "Rule 405," "Rule 415," "Rule 424," "Rule 424(b)," "Rule 430B," and "Rule 433" refer to such rules under the Securities Act Regulations.

All references in this Agreement to financial statements and schedules and other information that is "contained," "included" or "stated" in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus (and all other references of like import) shall be deemed to mean and include all such financial statements and schedules and other information that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement or the Prospectus, as the case may be.

All references in this Agreement to the Registration Statement, the Prospectus or any amendment or supplement to any of the foregoing shall be deemed to include the copy filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR; all references in this Agreement to any Issuer Free Writing Prospectus (other than any Issuer Free Writing Prospectuses that, pursuant to Rule 433, are not required to be filed with the Commission) shall be deemed to include the copy thereof filed with the Commission pursuant to EDGAR; and all references in this Agreement to "supplements" to the Prospectus shall include, without limitation, any supplements, "wrappers" or similar materials prepared in connection with any offering, sale or private placement of any Placement ADSs by the Agents outside of the United States.

[Signature Page Follows]

If the foregoing correctly sets forth the understanding between the Company and the Agents, please so indicate in the space provided below for that purpose, whereupon this letter shall constitute a binding agreement between the Company and the Agents.

Very truly yours,

GRACELL BIOTECHNOLOGIES INC.

By: /s/ Yili Kevin Xie

Name: Yili Kevin Xie Title: Chief Financial Officer

ACCEPTED as of the date first-above written:

CANTOR FITZGERALD & CO.

By: /s/ Sage Kelly

Name: Sage Kelly

Title: Global Head of Investment Banking

BTIG, LLC

By: /s/ KC Stone

Name: KC Stone Title: Managing Director

Form of Placement Notice

From: Gracell Biotechnologies Inc.

To: [Designated Agent] (the "Designated Agent")

Attention: [●]

Subject: Placement Notice

Date: $[\bullet]$, $202[\bullet]$

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the terms and subject to the conditions contained in the Sales Agreement between Gracell Biotechnologies Inc., an exempted company incorporated with limited liability under the laws of Cayman Islands (the "Company"), Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. and BTIG, LLC, dated April 28, 2022, the Company hereby requests that the Designated Agent sell up to [•] of ADSs, each representing five ordinary shares, US\$0.0001 par value per share of the Company, at a minimum market price of US\$[•] per ADS, during the time period beginning [month, day, time] and ending [month, day, time].

SCHEDULE 2

Compensation

The Company shall pay to the Designated Agent in cash, upon each sale of Placement ADSs pursuant to this Agreement, an amount equal to 3.0% of the aggregate gross proceeds from each sale of Placement ADSs.

Notice Parties

The Company William Wei Cao ([***]) Yili Kevin Xie ([***]) The Agents Sameer Vasudev ([***]) KC Stone ([***]) Mikhail Keyserman ([***]) Kathleen Carney ([***]) Allen Reed ([***]) Brenna Cummings ([***]) Nicholas Nolan ([***]) Austin Hamilton ([***]) [***] Carrie Taylor ([***]) [***] With copies to:

[***]

[***]

SCHEDULE 4
Group Companies

Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 8.1 of the Company's most recently filed Form 20-F.

Form of Representation Date Certificate Pursuant to Section 7(1)

The undersigned, the duly qualified and elected [●], of Gracell Biotechnologies Inc., an exempted company incorporated in the Cayman Islands with limited liability (the "Company"), does hereby certify in such capacity and on behalf of the Company, pursuant to Section 7(1) of the Sales Agreement, dated April 28, 2022 (the "Sales Agreement"), between the Company, Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. and BTIG, LLC, that to the best of the knowledge of the undersigned:

- (i) The representations and warranties of the Company in Section 6 of the Sales Agreement are true and correct on and as of the date hereof with the same force and effect as if expressly made on and as of the date hereof, except for those representations and warranties that speak solely as of a specific date and which were true and correct as of such date; provided, however, that such representations and warranties also shall be qualified by the disclosure included or incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement and Prospectus; and
- (ii) The Company has complied with all agreements and satisfied all conditions on its part to be performed or satisfied pursuant to the Sales Agreement at or prior to the date hereof.

Capitalized terms used herein without definition shall have the meanings given to such terms in the Sales Agreement.

GRACELL BIOTECHNOLOGIES INC.
Ву:
Name:
Title:

Date: [•]

Exhibit 21

Permitted Free Writing Prospectus

None.



28 April 2022

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Gracell Biotechnologies Inc. c/o Building 12, Block B, Phase II Biobay Industrial Park 218 Sangtian St. Suzhou Industrial Park, 215123 People's Republic of China

Dear Sir or Madam

Gracell Biotechnologies Inc. (the Company)

We are lawyers qualified to practise in the Cayman Islands and have acted as Cayman Islands legal advisers to the Company in connection with (1) the Company's registration statement on Form F-3, including all amendments or supplements thereto, filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the *Commission*) on 28 April 2022 (the *Registration Statement*), the base prospectus contained in the Registration Statement (the *Prospectus*) and a prospectus supplement (the *Prospectus Supplement*, collectively, the *Listing Documents*) under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, (the *Securities Act*) relating to offer and sale from time to time and in one or more offerings, of up to US\$200,000,000 of the Company's American depositary shares (*ADSs*) representing the Company's Ordinary Shares (as defined below) (the *Shares*); and (2) the sale by the Company of up to US\$50,000,000 ADSs (the *Placement ADSs*), each representing give Ordinary Shares.

We are furnishing this opinion as Exhibit 5.1 to the Registration Statement.

For the purposes of giving this opinion, we have examined the Corporate Documents (as defined in Schedule 1) and the Listing Documents. We have not examined any other documents, official or corporate records or external or internal registers and have not undertaken or been instructed to undertake any further enquiry or due diligence in relation to the transaction which is the subject of this opinion.

In giving this opinion we have relied upon the assumptions set out in Schedule 2 which we have not independently verified.

Resident Partners: M Chu | I Clark | JP Engwirda | Y Fan | A Johnstone P Kay | MW Kwok | IN Mann | R Ng | ATC Ridgers | PJ Sephton

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- 1 **Existence and Good Standing.** The Company has been duly incorporated as an exempted company with limited liability and is validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the Cayman Islands.
- Authorised Share Capital. Based on our review of the M&A (as defined in Schedule 1), the authorized share capital of the Company is US\$50,000 divided into 500,000,000 Shares, 400,000,000 of which shall be ordinary shares, US\$0.0001 par value per share (the *Ordinary Shares*), and 100,000,000 shares of which shall be undesignated shares, US\$0.0001 par value per share.
- Valid Issuance of Shares. The issue and allotment of the Shares as contemplated by the Listing Documents have been duly authorised and, when allotted, issued and fully paid for in accordance with the Listing Documents, and when name of the shareholder is entered in the register of members of the Company, the Shares will be validly issued, allotted, non-assessable and fully paid and there will be no further obligation on the holder of any of the Shares to make any further payment to the Company in respect of such Shares.
- 4 **Cayman Islands Law.** The statements under the caption "Taxation" in the Prospectus Supplement insofar and to the extent that they constitute statements of Cayman Islands law, are accurate in all material respects as at the date of this opinion and such statements constitute our opinion.

This opinion is confined to the matters expressly opined on herein and given on the basis of the laws of the Cayman Islands as they are in force and applied by the Cayman Islands courts at the date of this opinion. We have made no investigation of, and express no opinion on, the laws of any other jurisdiction. Except as specifically stated herein, we express no opinion as to matters of fact.

In connection with the above opinion, we hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the reference made to this firm in the Registration Statement under the headings "Enforceability of Civil Liabilities", "Taxation" and "Legal Matters" and elsewhere in the prospectus included in the Registration Statement. In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we come within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act, as amended, or the Rules and Regulations of the Commission thereunder.

This opinion is limited to the matters referred to herein and shall not be construed as extending to any other matter or document not referred to herein.

This opinion shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the Cayman Islands.

Yours faithfully /s/ Harney Westwood & Riegels Harney Westwood & Riegels

List of Documents and Records Examined

- 1 The certificate of incorporation of the Company dated 10 May 2018;
- 2 The fourth amended and restated memorandum and articles of association of the Company as adopted by a special resolution passed on 18 December 2020 and effective on 7 January 2021 (the *M&A*);
- A certificate of good standing dated 25 April 2022 in respect of the Company, issued by the Registrar of Companies in the Cayman Islands (the *Certificate of Good Standing*);
- 4 The register of members and register of directors of the Company provided to us on 19 April 2022; and
- 5 A copy of the unanimous written resolutions of the directors of the Company dated 28 April 2022 (the *Resolutions*);

Copies of 1-5 above have been provided to us by the Company's registered office provider (together the *Corporate Documents*)

- 6 The Registration Statement.
- 7 The Prospectus.
- 8 The Prospectus Supplement.

Assumptions

- 1 **Authenticity of Documents.** Copy documents or drafts of documents provided to us are true and complete copies of, or in the final forms of, the originals. All original Corporate Documents are authentic, all signatures, initials and seals are genuine.
- 2 **Corporate Documents.** All matters required by law to be recorded in the Corporate Documents are so recorded, and all corporate minutes, resolutions, certificates, documents and records which we have reviewed are accurate and complete, and all facts expressed in or implied thereby are accurate and complete as at the date of the passing of the Resolutions.
- 3 **Constitutional Documents.** The M&A remain in full force and effect and are otherwise unamended.
- 4 Conversion. The conversion of any shares in the capital of the Company will be effected via legally available means under Cayman law.
- No Steps to Wind-up. The directors and shareholders of the Company have not taken any steps to appoint a liquidator of the Company and no receiver has been appointed over any of the Company's property or assets.
- **Resolutions.** The Resolutions have been duly executed by and on behalf of each director, and the signatures and initials thereon are those of a person or persons in whose name the Resolutions have been expressed to be signed. The Resolutions remain in full force and effect.
- 7 Unseen Documents. Save for the Corporate Documents provided to us there are no resolutions, agreements, documents or arrangements which materially affect, amend or vary the transactions envisaged in the Listing Documents. There is no contractual prohibition (other than as arising under Cayman Islands law) binding on the Company prohibiting it from issuing and allotting the Shares.

Qualifications

- 1 Except as specifically stated herein, we make no comment with respect to any representations and warranties which may be made by or with respect to the Company in any of the documents or instruments cited in this opinion or otherwise with respect to the commercial terms of the transactions the subject of this opinion.
- Our opinion as to good standing is based solely upon receipt of the Certificate of Good Standing. The Company shall be deemed to be in good standing under section 200A of the Companies Act (as amended) of the Cayman Islands (the *Companies Act*) on the date of issue of the certificate if all fees and penalties under the Companies Act have been paid and the Registrar of Companies in the Cayman Islands has no knowledge that the Company is in default under the Companies Act.
- We have undertaken no enquiry and express no view as to the compliance of the Company with the International Tax Co-operation (Economic Substance) Act (2021 Revision).
- In this opinion the phrase non-assessable means, with respect to the issuance of shares, that a shareholder shall not, in respect of the relevant shares, have any obligation to make further contributions to the Company's assets (except in exceptional circumstances, such as involving fraud, the establishment of an agency relationship or an illegal or improper purpose or other circumstances in which a court may be prepared to pierce or lift the corporate veil).

Date: April 28, 2022

To:

William Wei Cao, Chairman & CEO Gracell Biotechnologies Inc. Building 12, Block B, Phase II, Biobay Industrial Park, 218 Sangtian St. Suzhou Industrial Park, 215123 People's Republic of China

Re: Gracell Biotechnologies Inc.

We are a firm of lawyers qualified to practice in the People's Republic of China (the "PRC"). We have acted as PRC legal counsel to Gracell Biotechnologies Inc., an exempted limited liability company organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands (the "Company"). We have been requested by the Company to render an opinion in connection with the Company's registration statement on Form F-3 filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on April 28, 2022 (the "Registration Statement"), the base prospectus contained in the Registration Statement (the "Prospectus") and a prospectus supplement (the "Prospectus Supplement", collectively, the "Listing Documents") relating to the registration under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, (the "Securities Act") of certain number of the Company's Ordinary Shares (the "Shares") to be represented by American Depositary Shares.

A. Documents and Assumptions

For the purpose of giving this opinion, we have examined the Registration Statement, the originals or copies of documents provided to us by the Company, including, without limitation, the documents obtained from the applicable Administration of Market Regulations (the "AMR") and such other documents, corporate records, certificates, approvals and other instruments as we have deemed necessary or advisable for the purpose of rendering this opinion, including, without limitation, originals or copies of the agreements and certificates issued by PRC authorities and officers of the Company ("Documents").

Without prejudice to the foregoing, we have also made due enquiries as to other facts and questions of law as we have deemed necessary in order to render this opinion.

The material from AMR does not determine conclusively whether or not an order has been made or a resolution has been passed for the winding up of a company or for the appointment of a liquidator or other person to control the assets of a company, as notice of such matters might not be filed immediately and, once filed, might not appear immediately on a company's public file. Moreover, the information from AMR is unlikely to reveal any information as to any such procedure initiated by the Company in any other jurisdiction.

For the purpose of this opinion we have assumed:

(a) the genuineness of all signatures and seals, the conformity to originals of all documents purporting to be copies of originals and the authenticity of the originals of the Documents;

- (b) that such of the documents as contain resolutions of directors and members, respectively, or extracts of minutes of meetings of the directors and meetings of the members, respectively accurately and genuinely represent proceedings of meetings of the directors and of meetings of members, respectively, of which adequate notice was either given or waived, and any necessary quorum present throughout;
- (c) the accuracy and completeness of all factual representations (if any) made in the Documents other than legal matters that we expressly opine on herein:
- (d) that insofar as any obligation under the Documents is to be performed in any jurisdiction outside PRC, its performance will not be illegal or unenforceable by virtue of the law of that jurisdiction; and
- (e) that the information disclosed in the materials from the Company Registry is accurate and complete as at the time of this opinion and the information from Company Search did not fail to disclose any information which had been filed with or delivered to the AMR but had not been processed at the time when the search was conducted.

We have made no investigation on and expressed no opinion in relation to the laws of any country or territory other than the PRC. This opinion is limited to and is given on the basis of the current PRC Laws and is to be construed in accordance with, and is governed by, the PRC Laws.

B. Definitions

Capitalized terms used in this opinion shall have the meanings ascribed to them as follows:

As used herein,

- (a) "Company" means Gracell Biotechnologies Inc.;
- (b) "Governmental Agency" means any national, provincial or local governmental, regulatory or administrative authority, agency or commission in the PRC, or any court, tribunal or any other judicial or arbitral body in the PRC, or any body exercising, or entitled to exercise, any administrative, judicial, legislative, police, regulatory, or taxing authority or power of similar nature in the PRC;
- (c) "Governmental Authorization" means any license, approval, consent, waiver, order, sanction, certificate, authorization, filing, declaration, disclosure, registration, exemption, permission, endorsement, annual inspection, clearance, qualification, permit or license by, from or with any Governmental Agency pursuant to any PRC Laws;
- (d) "PRC" or "China" means the People's Republic of China, for purposes of this legal opinion, excluding the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the Macau Special Administrative Region and Taiwan;

(e) "PRC Laws" mean all laws, regulations, rules, orders, decrees, guidelines, judicial interpretations and other legislation of the PRC in effect on the date of this opinion;

C. Opinion

Based upon and subject to the foregoing descriptions, assumptions and further subject to the qualifications set forth below, we are of the opinion that as at the date hereof:

- i. *Cover Page.* The statements set forth on the cover pages in the Prospectus and Prospectus Supplement, insofar as they constitute statements of PRC laws and regulations or interpretations, are correct and accurate in all material respects.
- ii. *Risk Factors*. The statements set forth under the caption "Item 3. Key Information," "Item 3. Key Information—D. Risk Factors—Risks Related to Our Corporate Structure," on Form 20-F filed with the SEC by the Company on April 22, 2022, which is incorporated by reference into the Prospectus and the Prospectus Supplement, insofar as they constitute statements of PRC laws and regulations or interpretations, are correct and accurate in all material respects.
- iii. *Tax.* The statements made in the Prospectus Supplement under the caption "Taxation—Material PRC Tax Considerations" and the statements set forth under the caption "Item 10. Additional Information—E. Taxation—PRC Taxation" on Form 20-F filed with the SEC by the Company on April 22, 2022, to the extent they constitute summaries of PRC tax laws and regulations or interpretations or legal conclusions with respect thereto, constitute accurate summaries of the matters described therein in all material aspects and such statements constitute our opinion.
- iv. Enforceability of Civil Procedures. There is uncertainty as to whether the PRC courts would (i) recognize or enforce judgments of United States courts obtained against us or our directors or officers predicated upon the civil liability provisions of the securities laws of the United States or any state in the United States, or (ii) entertain original actions brought in each respective jurisdiction against us or our directors or officers predicated upon the securities laws of the United States or any state in the United States. The recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments are provided for under the PRC Civil Procedures Law. PRC courts may recognize and enforce foreign judgments in accordance with the requirements of PRC Civil Procedures Law based either on treaties between China and the country where the judgment is made or on reciprocity between jurisdictions. China does not have any treaties or other form of reciprocity with the United States or the Cayman Islands that provide for the reciprocal recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments. In addition, according to the PRC Civil Procedures Law, courts in the PRC will not enforce a foreign judgment against a company or its directors and officers if they decide that the judgment violates the basic principles of PRC Laws or national sovereignty, security or public interest. As a result, it is uncertain whether and on what basis a PRC court would enforce a judgment rendered by a court in the United States or the Cayman Islands.

D. Certain Limitations and Qualifications

The opinions expressed above are based on Documents and our interpretations of the PRC Laws, which, in our experience, are applicable. We note, however, that the laws and the regulations in China have been subject to substantial and frequent revision in recent years. We cannot assure that any future interpretations or amendments of PRC laws and regulations by relevant authorities, administrative pronouncements, or court decisions, or future positions taken by these authorities would not adversely impact or affect the opinions set forth in this letter.

This opinion relates only to PRC Laws and there is no assurance that any of such PRC Laws or the interpretations by competent PRC courts or government authorities of such PRC Laws will not be changed, amended or replaced in the immediate future or in the longer term with or without retrospective effect. We express no opinion as to any laws other than PRC Laws.

Our above opinions are also subject to the qualification that they are confined to and given on the basis of the published and publicly available PRC Laws effective as of the date hereof.

This Opinion has been prepared solely for your use and may not be quoted in whole or in part or otherwise referred to in any documents, or disclosed to any third party, or filed with or furnished to any governmental agency, or other party without the express prior written consent of this firm.

We hereby consent to the use of this Opinion in, and the filing hereof as an exhibit to the Registration Statement, and to the reference to our name in such Registration Statement, Prospectus and the Prospectus Supplement. In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we fall within the category of the person whose consent is required under Section 7 of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the regulations promulgated thereunder.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ AllBright Law Offices AllBright Law Offices

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form F-3 of Gracell Biotechnologies Inc. of our report dated April 22, 2022 relating to the financial statements, which appears in Gracell Biotechnologies Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2021. We also consent to the reference to us under the heading "Experts" in such Registration Statement.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers Zhong Tian LLP Shanghai, the People's Republic of China April 28, 2022

CALCULATION OF FILING FEE TABLE

FORM F-3

(Form Type)

GRACELL BIOTECHNOLOGIES INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Not Applicable

(Translation of Registrant's Name into English)

Table 1: Newly Registered and Carry Forward Securities

	Security Type	Security Class Title	Fee Calculation or Carry Forward Rule	Amount Registered		Maximum Aggregate Offering Price stered Securiti	Fee Rate	Amount of Registration Fee	Carry Forward Form Type	Carry Forward File Number	Carry Forward Initial effective date	Filing Fee Previously Paid In Connection with Unsold Securities to be Carried Forward
Fees to Be		Ordinary shares,			, ,							
Paid		par value \$0.0001										
	Equity	per share(1)	Rule 457(o)	(2)	(3)	\$200,000,000	.0000927	\$18,540(4)				
Fees Previously Paid	_	_	_									
					Carry For	ward Securitie	es					
Carry Forward Securities		_	_	1								
	Total Offering Amounts					\$200,000,000		\$18,540				
	Total Fees Previously Paid							\$0				
	Total Fee Offsets							\$0				
	Net Fee Due							\$18,540				

These ordinary shares offered in the United States will be represented by American Depositary Shares, or ADSs, each of which represents five ordinary shares of the registrant. ADSs issuable upon deposit of the ordinary shares registered hereby have been registered pursuant to a separate registration statement on Form F-6 (File No. 333-251864).

- (2) There are being registered hereunder such indeterminate number of ordinary shares represented by ADSs as may be sold by the registrant from time to time at indeterminate prices. The maximum aggregate offering price of all securities sold shall not exceed \$200,000,000. Any securities registered hereunder may be sold separately or as units with other securities registered hereunder. The securities registered also include such indeterminate number of ordinary shares represented by ADSs as may be issued upon conversion, exchange or exercise of any securities that provide for such issuance. In addition, pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, the ordinary shares being registered hereunder include such indeterminate number of ordinary shares as may be issuable with respect to the ordinary shares being registered hereunder as a result of share splits, share dividends or similar transactions.
- (3) The proposed maximum offering price per ordinary share will be determined from time to time by the registrant in connection with the issuance by the registrant of the securities registered hereunder and is not specified pursuant to General Instruction II.C. of Form F-3 under the Securities Act.
- (4) Pursuant to Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act, the registration fee is calculated based on the maximum aggregate offering price.