**PROSPECTUS** 

# **SCILEX HOLDING COMPANY**

# Up to 3,500,000 Shares of Common Stock

This prospectus relates to the offer and sale from time to time by the selling securityholders named in this prospectus (including their permitted transferees, donees, pledgees and other successors-in-interest) (collectively, the "Selling Securityholders") of up to an aggregate 3,500,000 shares (the "Shares") of our common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share ("Common Stock") that we may issue to the Selling Securityholders upon the exercise of the Financing Warrants (as defined below).

On June 11, 2024, we entered into that certain Commitment Side Letter (the "Commitment Letter") with FSF 33433 LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Lender"), pursuant to which the Lender committed to provide us a loan in the aggregate principal amount of \$100 million (the "Commitment Amount"), subject to the terms and conditions contained in the Commitment Letter and to the terms to be agreed in the definitive documents to be entered into by us and the Lender. Pursuant to the Commitment Letter, the Lender provided us a non-refundable deposit in immediately available funds in the aggregate principal amount of \$10 million (the "Deposit"), which amount will be credited towards the Commitment Amount. On June 18, 2024, pursuant to the terms of the Commitment Letter, we issued the Lender a warrant to purchase up to an aggregate of 3,250,000 shares of Common Stock (subject to adjustment for any stock dividend, stock split, reverse stock split or similar transaction) (the "Deposit Warrant"). In connection with the transactions contemplated by the Commitment Letter, we also entered into a Letter Agreement (the "Letter Agreement") with the Lender and the Lender's strategic consultant, IVI 66766 LLC ("IVI"), dated July 16, 2024, pursuant to which we agreed to reimburse the actual, reasonable and documented consulting fees incurred by the Lender in connection with the preparation, negotiation and execution of the Commitment Letter and the definitive documents with respect to the transactions contemplated thereby, which fees were satisfied in full by us issuing to IVI a warrant to purchase up to an aggregate of 250,000 shares of Common Stock (the "Fee Warrant") on July 16, 2024. Each of the Deposit Warrant and the Fee Warrant (together, the "Financing Warrants") have an exercise price of \$1.20 per share and expire five years from the date of issuance. We are registering the resale of the Shares as required by the terms of the Financing Warrants.

Our registration of the Shares covered by this prospectus does not mean that the Selling Securityholders will offer or sell any of the Shares. The Selling Securityholders may sell the Shares covered by this prospectus in a number of different ways and at varying prices. For additional information on the possible methods of sale that may be used by the Selling Securityholders, you should refer to the section of this prospectus entitled "*Plan of Distribution*" beginning on page 16 of this prospectus.

We will not receive any of the proceeds from the Shares sold by the Selling Securityholders. We will receive up to \$4.2 million from the exercise of the Financing Warrants, assuming the exercise in full of all of the Financing Warrants for cash, but not from the sale of the Shares.

No underwriter or other person has been engaged to facilitate the sale of the Shares in this offering. The Selling Securityholders may be deemed underwriters of the Shares that they are offering pursuant to this prospectus. We will bear all costs, expenses and fees in connection with the registration of the Shares. The Selling Securityholders will bear all commissions and discounts, if any, attributable to their respective sales of the Shares.

Our Common Stock is listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol "SCLX". On July 24, 2024, the last reported sales price per share of our Common Stock was \$1.71.

We are an "emerging growth company" as that term is used in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012 (the "JOBS Act") and, as such, we have elected to comply with certain reduced public company reporting requirements for this prospectus and future filings with the SEC. See "*Prospectus Summary—Emerging Growth Company*."

We may amend or supplement this prospectus from time to time by filing amendments or supplements as required. You should read this prospectus, together with additional information described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information", and any amendments or supplements carefully before you invest in any of our securities.

Investing in our common stock involves substantial risks. You should review carefully the risks and uncertainties described under the heading "Risk Factors" beginning on page 10 of this prospectus and under similar headings in any amendment or supplements to this prospectus and in the documents that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

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

The date of this prospectus is July 25, 2024

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#### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

You should rely only on the information we have provided in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement and any related free writing prospectus. Neither we nor the Selling Securityholders have authorized anyone to provide you with information different from that contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement or any related free writing prospectus. Neither we nor the Selling Securityholders take any responsibility for, and can provide no assurance as to the reliability of, any other information that others may give you. No dealer, salesperson or other person is authorized to give any information or to represent anything not contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement or any related free writing prospectus. You must not rely on any unauthorized information or representation. This prospectus is an offer to sell only the Shares offered hereby, but only under circumstances and in jurisdictions where it is lawful to do so. You should assume that the information in this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement or any related free writing prospectus is accurate only as of the date on the front of the applicable document and that any information we have incorporated by reference is accurate only as of the date of the document incorporated by reference, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus, the applicable prospectus supplement or any related free writing prospectus, or any sale of a security. Since the date of this prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus, our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed.

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

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), under which the Selling Securityholders may offer from time to time up to an aggregate of 3,500,000 shares of our Common Stock in one or more offerings. If required, each time a Selling Securityholder offers Common Stock, in addition to this prospectus, we will provide you with a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the 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 that offering. We may also use a prospectus supplement and any related free writing prospectus to add, update or change any of the information contained in this prospectus or in documents we have incorporated by reference. This prospectus, together with any applicable prospectus supplements, any related free writing prospectuses and the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus, includes all material information relating to this offering. To the extent that any statement that we make in a prospectus supplement is inconsistent with statements made in this prospectus, the statements made in this prospectus will be deemed modified or superseded by those made in a prospectus supplement. Please carefully read both this prospectus, any prospectus supplement and any related free writing prospectus together with the additional information described below under the sections titled "Incorporation of Certain Information by Reference" and "Where You Can Find More Information".

On November 10, 2022, we consummated the previously-announced business combination (the "Business Combination") pursuant to that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of March 17, 2022 (as amended, restated or supplemented from time to time, including by Amendment No. 1 to Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of September 12, 2022) (the "Merger Agreement"), by and among us, Vantage Merger Sub Inc., our then-wholly owned subsidiary (the "Merger Sub"), and the pre-Business Combination Scilex Holding Company ("Legacy Scilex"). Pursuant to the terms of the Merger Agreement, we effected a deregistration under the Cayman Islands Companies Act (as revised) and a domestication under Section 388 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, as amended (the "DGCL"), pursuant to which our jurisdiction of incorporation was changed from the Cayman Islands to the State of Delaware (the "Domestication"), and, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Merger Agreement and in accordance with the DGCL, Merger Sub merged with and into Legacy Scilex, with Legacy Scilex surviving as our wholly owned subsidiary. In connection with the Business Combination, we changed our name from Vickers Vantage Corp. I to Scilex Holding Company.

Unless the context indicates otherwise, references in this prospectus to the "Company," "Scilex," "we," "us," "our," and similar terms refer to Scilex Holding Company, a Delaware corporation formerly known as Vickers Vantage Corp. I, and its consolidated subsidiaries. References to "Legacy Scilex" refer to the private Delaware corporation that is now our wholly owned subsidiary, named Scilex, Inc. (formerly known as Scilex Holding Company).

This prospectus contains summaries of certain provisions contained in some of the documents described herein, but reference is made to the actual documents for complete information. All of the summaries are qualified in their entirety by the actual documents. Copies of some of the documents referred to herein have been filed, will be filed or will be incorporated by reference as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, and you may obtain copies of those documents as described below under "Where You Can Find More Information."

#### CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements contained in this prospectus, including the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus, may constitute "forward-looking statements" for purposes of federal securities laws. These forward-looking statements are intended to be covered by the safe harbor for forward-looking statements provided by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. In addition, any statements that refer to projections, forecasts or other characterizations of future events or circumstances, including any underlying assumptions, are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are typically identified by words such as "plan," "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "contemplate," "intend," "outlook," "estimate," "forecast," "project," "continue," "could," "may," "might," "possible," "potential," "predict," "should," "will," "would" and other similar words and expressions (including the negative of any of the foregoing), but the absence of these words does not mean that a statement is not forward-looking.

These forward-looking statements are based on information available as of the date of this prospectus and our management's current expectations, forecasts and assumptions, and involve a number of judgments, known and unknown risks and uncertainties and other factors, many of which are outside the control of the Company and our directors, officers and affiliates. There can be no assurance that future developments will be those that have been anticipated. Accordingly, forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing our views as of any subsequent date.

These forward-looking statements involve a number of risks, uncertainties or other assumptions that may cause actual results or performance to be materially different from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, those factors described in "*Risk Factors*," our periodic filings with the SEC that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus and elsewhere in the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus and the following:

- our ability to maintain the listing of our Common Stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market;
- our public securities' liquidity and trading;
- our ability to raise financing in the future;
- the use of proceeds in connection with any offering;
- our future financial performance, including our revenue, costs of revenue and operating expenses;
- our future use of equity or debt financings to execute our business strategy;
- our ability to use cash on hand to meet current and future financial obligations, including funding our operations, debt service requirements and capital expenditures;
- the outcome of any legal proceedings that may be instituted against us;
- our ability to attract and retain qualified directors, officers, employees and key personnel;
- our ability to compete effectively in a highly competitive market;
- the competition from larger biotechnology companies that have greater resources, technology, relationships and/or expertise;
- the ability to protect and enhance our corporate reputation and brand;
- the impact from future regulatory, judicial and legislative changes in our industry;
- our ability to obtain and maintain regulatory approval of any of our product candidates;
- our ability to research, discover and develop additional product candidates;

- our ability to grow and manage growth profitably;
- our ability to obtain and maintain intellectual property protection and not infringe on the rights of others;
- our ability to execute our business plans and strategy;
- our ability to prevent, respond to, and recover from a cybersecurity incident;
- the effect of global economic and political developments, including the conflicts in Ukraine and Israel;
- the impact of COVID-19 and other similar disruptions in the future; and
- other factors detailed under the section of this prospectus titled "Risk Factors."

Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize or should any of the assumptions made by our management prove incorrect, actual results may vary in material respects from those projected in these forward-looking statements. Some of these risks and uncertainties may in the future be amplified by COVID-19 (or other similar disruptions), and there may be additional risks that we consider immaterial or which are unknown. It is not possible to predict or identify all such risks. We do not undertake any obligation to update, add or to otherwise correct any forward-looking statements contained herein to reflect events or circumstances after the date they were made, whether as a result of new information, future events, inaccuracies that become apparent after the date hereof or otherwise, except as may be required under applicable securities laws. Our forward-looking statements do not reflect the potential impact of any future acquisitions, mergers, dispositions, joint ventures, other strategic transactions or investments we may make or enter into.

In addition, statements that "we believe" and similar statements reflect our beliefs and opinions on the relevant subject. These statements are based upon information available to us as of the date of the statement is made, and while we believe such information forms a reasonable basis for such statements, such information may be limited or incomplete, and such statements should not be read to indicate that we have conducted an exhaustive inquiry into, or review of, all potentially available relevant information. These statements are inherently uncertain and investors are cautioned not to unduly rely upon these statements.

#### **CERTAIN DEFINED TERMS**

- "ATM Sales Agreement" means the Sales Agreement, dated December 22, 2023, by and among the Company, B. Riley Securities, Inc., Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. and H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC.
- "Board" means the board of directors of the Company.
- "Bylaws" means the Bylaws of the Company, effective as of November 10, 2022.
- "Certificate of Designations" means the Certificate of Designations of the Company, designating the series of preferred stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, of the Company as "Series A Preferred Stock".
- "Certificate of Incorporation" means the Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, filed with Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on November 10, 2022.
- "Continental" means Continental Stock Transfer & Trust Company, our transfer agent.
- "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- "Nasdaq" means The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC.
- "Nasdaq Listing Rules" means the rules and listing standards of Nasdaq.
- "Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.
- "Series A Preferred Stock" means the preferred stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, of the Company, designated as Series A Preferred Stock pursuant to the Certificate of Designations.
- "Sorrento" means Sorrento Therapeutics, Inc.
- "Vickers" means Vickers Vantage Corp. I, our predecessor company.

#### PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary highlights selected information that is presented in greater detail elsewhere in this prospectus or in the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus. Because it is only a summary, it does not contain all of the information you should consider before investing in our securities and it is qualified in its entirety by, and should be read in conjunction with, the more detailed information included elsewhere in this prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus. Before you decide whether to purchase our securities, you should read this entire prospectus carefully, including the section of this prospectus titled "Risk Factors" and similar headings in the other documents that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus. You should also carefully read the information incorporated by reference into this prospectus, including our financial statements and the related notes, as well as the exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

## The Company

We are an innovative revenue-generating company focused on acquiring, developing and commercializing non-opioid pain management products for the treatment of acute and chronic pain. We target indications with high unmet needs and large market opportunities with non-opioid therapies for the treatment of patients with acute and chronic pain and are dedicated to advancing and improving patient outcomes.

Our commercial products are: (i) ZTlido® (lidocaine topical system) 1.8%, a prescription lidocaine topical product approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (the "FDA") for the relief of neuropathic pain associated with postherpetic neuralgia ("PHN"), which is a form of post-shingles nerve pain; (ii) ELYXYB®, a potential first-line treatment and the only FDA-approved, ready-to-use oral solution for the acute treatment of migraine, with or without aura, in adults; and (iii) GLOPERBA®, the first and only liquid oral version of the anti-gout medicine colchicine indicated for the prophylaxis of painful gout flares in adults. In addition, we have three product candidates: (i) SP-102 (10 mg, dexamethasone sodium phosphate viscous gel) ("SEMDEXA™), a novel, viscous gel formulation of a widely used corticosteroid for epidural injections to treat lumbosacral radicular pain, or sciatica for which we have completed a Phase 3 study; (ii) SP-103 (lidocaine topical system) 5.4% ("SP-103"), a next-generation, triple-strength formulation of ZTlido, for the treatment of chronic neck pain and for which we have completed a Phase 2 trial in low back pain ("LBP") in the third quarter of 2023; and (iii) SP-104 (4.5 mg, low-dose naltrexone hydrochloride delayed-release capsules) ("SP-104"), a novel low-dose delayed-release naltrexone hydrochloride being developed for the treatment of fibromyalgia, for which Phase 1 trials were completed in the second quarter of 2022 and a Phase 2 clinical trial is expected to commence in 2024. We believe our currently approved products and future product candidates, if approved by the FDA, could uniquely address what we believe are the significant unmet needs of the targeted populations and become the preferred treatment option for their respective indications.

Our guiding principle has always been and remains a patient-first approach, which drives our mission to meet the increasing global demand for more effective and safer non-opioid pain management solutions. Through rigorous research and development, we believe we are on the cusp of establishing Scilex as the preeminent name in commercial non-opioid pain management, specifically targeting the unmet needs in both acute and chronic pain sectors with our innovative and leading therapies. We believe that we have not only responded to the global demand for safer, more effective pain relief solutions, but also made substantial progress in demonstrating the rapid onset and enhanced safety of our products.

## Our Products

We launched our first commercial product, ZTlido® (lidocaine topical system) 1.8% in October 2018. ZTlido possesses novel delivery and adhesion technology designed to address many of the limitations of current prescription lidocaine patches by providing significantly improved adhesion and continuous pain relief throughout the 12-hour administration period. ZTlido is a single-layer, drug-in-adhesive topical delivery system comprised of an adhesive material containing 36 mg lidocaine, which is applied to a pliable nonwoven cloth backing and covered with a polyethylene terephthalate film release liner. ZTlido is commercially manufactured for us by Oishi Koseido Co., Ltd. ("Oishi") in Japan. We license the rights to ZTlido from and rely exclusively on Oishi and Itochu Chemical Frontier Corporation ("Itochu") pursuant to the Product Development Agreement (the "Product Development Agreement") dated as of May 11, 2011, by and among Scilex Pharmaceuticals Inc., our wholly owned subsidiary ("Scilex Pharma"), Oishi and Itochu, and the Commercial Supply Agreement (the "Commercial Supply Agreement"), dated as of February 16, 2017, by and among Scilex Pharma, Oishi and Itochu. We have exclusive worldwide rights to Oishi's proprietary formulation and manufacturing technologies except with respect to Japan. In 2023, there were more than 182 million prescription lidocaine patches sold in the United States, according to Symphony Healthcare.

We launched our second commercial product, ELYXYB® in April 2023. We acquired the rights to certain patents, trademarks, regulatory approvals, data, contracts, and other rights related to ELYXYB® (celecoxib oral solution) and the commercialization thereof in the United States and Canada from BioDelivery Sciences International, Inc. and Collegium Pharmaceutical, Inc. in February 2023. ELYXYB® is a potential first-line treatment and the only FDA-approved, ready-to-use oral solution for the acute treatment of migraine, with or without aura, in adults. We filed a New Drug Submission to Health Canada's Pharmaceutical Drugs Directorate, Bureau of Cardiology, Allergy and Neurological Sciences for the approval of ELYXYB® for acute treatment of migraine with or without aura in Canada.

We launched our third commercial product, GLOPERBA, in June 2024. We acquired certain rights to GLOPERBA on June 14, 2022, when we entered into a License and Commercialization Agreement (the "Romeg Agreement") with RxOmeg Therapeutics, LLC (a/k/a Romeg Therapeutics, Inc.) ("Romeg"). Pursuant to the Romeg Agreement, among other things, Romeg granted us (1) the right to manufacture, promote, market, distribute and sell pharmaceutical products comprising liquid formulations of colchicine for the prophylactic treatment of gout in adult humans in the United States, and (2) an exclusive, transferable license to use the trademark "GLOPERBA®". GLOPERBA is an FDA-approved, oral medication for the treatment of gout in adults. Gout is a painful arthritic disorder affecting an estimated 9.2 million people in the United States. Gout pain can be excruciating and is a form of inflammatory arthritis that develops in some people who have high levels of uric acid in their blood. It can cause sudden severe episodes of pain and can be disabling with tenderness, warmth and swelling. Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, colchicine and corticosteroids are used a majority of time as the first line to treat acute gout. The U.S. is observed to have a high prevalence of gout, owing to lifestyle issues such as high alcohol intake, obesity, and smoking. We are planning to commercialize GLOPERBA in 2024 and believe we are well positioned to market and distribute the product. We have a direct distribution network to national and regional wholesalers and pharmacies throughout the U.S. For more information on Scilex, please see the section titled "Business — Material Agreements — Romeg License and Commercialization Agreement" contained in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K together with all of the other information appearing in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus, as updated by our subsequent filings with the SEC.

#### **Our Product Candidates**

We acquired SP-102 from Semnur Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("Semnur") in March 2019 and are developing SP-102 to be an injectable viscous gel formulation of a widely used corticosteroid designed to address the serious risks posed by off-label epidural steroid injections ("ESI"), which are administered over 12 million times annually in the United States. SEMDEXA™ has been granted fast track designation by the FDA and, if approved, could become the only FDA-approved ESI for the treatment of sciatica. According to a report by Decision Resources Group, it was estimated that over 4.8 million patients would suffer from sciatica in the United States in 2022. We received our SP-103 Phase 2 top-line results in August 2023 and the trial achieved its objectives characterizing safety, tolerability and preliminary efficacy of SP-103 in acute LBP associated with muscle spasms. SP-103 was safe and well tolerated. Increase of lidocaine load in topical system by three times, compared with approved ZTlido, 5.4% vs. 1.8%, did not result in signs of systemic toxicity or increased application site reactions with daily applications over one month treatment. SP-103 received FDA Fast Track status in LBP. We will continue to analyze the SP-103 Phase 2 trial data along with a recently completed investigator study of ZTlido in patients with chronic neck pain, which also has shown promising top-line efficacy and safety results. Scilex is planning to initiate Phase 2/3 trial in chronic neck pain in 2024. SP-103, if approved, could become the first FDA-approved lidocaine topical product for the treatment of chronic neck pain. We are developing SP-104 as a novel delayed-release formulation of low-dose naltrexone hydrochloride for the treatment of fibromyalgia, which remains a largely unmet medical need given the low response rates of commercially available therapies. Naltrexone is routinely used off-label to treat fibromyalgia. There are no low-dose formulations commercially available in the United States. Our patented formulation is designed to

We are focused on identifying treatment options for pain management with established mechanisms that have deficiencies in safety, efficacy or patient experience. We believe this approach allows us to potentially leverage the regulatory approval pathway available under Section 505(b)(2) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for each of our product candidates.

The following chart illustrates completed and anticipated milestones for our current commercial products and novel product candidates.



For a complete description of our business, financial condition, results of operations and other important information, we refer you to our filings with the SEC that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023, as amended, supplemented or superseded from time to time by other reports we have filed or will file with the SEC in the future, which are incorporated by reference into this prospectus. For instructions on how to find copies of these documents, see "Where You Can Find More Information".

See the section titled "Risk Factors" in this prospectus for a discussion of some of the risks related to the execution of our business strategy.

#### **Business Combination**

On November 10, 2022, Vickers consummated the previously announced Business Combination pursuant to the terms of the Merger Agreement, by and among us, Merger Sub, and the pre-Business Combination Scilex Holding Company ("Legacy Scilex").

Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, (i) prior to the closing of the Business Combination, Vickers changed its jurisdiction of incorporation by deregistering as a Cayman Islands exempted company and continuing and domesticating as a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "Domestication") and (ii) at the closing of the Business Combination, and following the Domestication, Merger Sub merged with and into Legacy Scilex (the "Merger"), with Legacy Scilex as the surviving company in the Merger, and, after giving effect to such Merger, Legacy Scilex became a wholly owned subsidiary of Vickers. The Merger was approved by Vickers's shareholders at a meeting held on November 9, 2022. In connection with the Business Combination, Vickers changed its name to "Scilex Holding Company."

# **Emerging Growth Company**

We are an "emerging growth company," as defined in Section 2(a) of the Securities Act, as modified by the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012 (the "JOBS Act"). As an emerging growth company, we are eligible to take advantage of certain exemptions from various reporting requirements that are applicable to other public companies that are not emerging growth companies, including, but not limited to, not being required to comply with the auditor attestation requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as amended (the "Sarbanes-Oxley Act"), reduced disclosure obligations regarding executive compensation in our periodic reports and proxy statements, and exemptions from the requirements of holding a non-binding advisory vote on executive compensation and stockholder approval of any golden parachute payments not previously approved.

Further, Section 102(b)(1) of the JOBS Act exempts emerging growth companies from being required to comply with new or revised financial accounting standards until private companies (that is, those that have not had a Securities Act registration statement declared effective or do not have a class of securities registered under the Exchange Act) are required to comply with the new or revised financial accounting standards. The JOBS Act provides that a company can elect to opt out of the extended transition period and comply with the requirements that apply to non-emerging growth companies but any such election to opt out is irrevocable. We have irrevocably elected not to avail ourselves of this exemption from new or revised accounting standards and, therefore, will be subject to the same new or revised accounting standards as other public companies that are not emerging growth companies. As a result, changes in rules of U.S. generally accepted accounting principles or their interpretation, the adoption of new guidance or the application of existing guidance to changes in our business could significantly affect our business, financial condition and results of operations. In addition, we are in the process of evaluating the benefits of relying on the other exemptions and reduced reporting requirements provided by the JOBS Act. If we elect to take advantage of reduced reporting requirements or other exemptions from reporting requirements in our future filings with the SEC, the information that we provide to our stockholders may be different than you might receive from other public reporting companies.

We will remain an emerging growth company until the earlier of: (i) the last day of the fiscal year (a) following the fifth anniversary of the closing of the initial public offering of Vickers Vantage Corp. I (our predecessor company), (b) in which we have total annual gross revenue of at least \$1.235 billion, or (c) in which we are deemed to be a large accelerated filer, which means the market value of our common equity that is held by non-affiliates equals or exceeds \$700 million as of the last business day of our most recently completed second fiscal quarter; and (ii) the date on which we have issued more than \$1.0 billion in non-convertible debt securities during the prior three-year period. References herein to "emerging growth company" have the meaning associated with it in the JOBS Act.

#### **Corporate Information**

We were incorporated under the name "Vickers Vantage Corp. I" on February 21, 2020 as a Cayman Islands exempted company for the purpose of effecting a merger, share exchange, asset acquisition, share purchase, reorganization or similar business combination with one or more businesses or entities. On November 9, 2022, we changed our jurisdiction of incorporation by deregistering as a Cayman Islands exempted company and continuing and domesticating as a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware. On November 9, 2022, we changed our name to "Scilex Holding Company".

Our principal executive offices are located at 960 San Antonio Road, Palo Alto, California 94303, and our telephone number is (650) 516-4310. Our website address is *www.scilexholding.com*. Any information contained on, or that can be accessed through, our website is not incorporated by reference into, nor is it in any way part of this prospectus and should not be relied upon in connection with making any decision with respect to an investment in our securities. We are required to file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may obtain any of the documents filed by us with the SEC at no cost from the SEC's website at <a href="http://www.sec.gov">http://www.sec.gov</a>.

#### RISK FACTORS

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. Before making an investment decision, in addition to the risks and uncertainties addressed in the section of this prospectus titled "Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements," you should carefully consider the risks and uncertainties described below, under the section titled "Risk Factors" contained in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and our most recent Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q together with all of the other information appearing in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus, as updated by our subsequent filings with the SEC, as well as the risk factors and other information contained in any applicable prospectus supplement and any applicable free writing prospectus before deciding to invest in our securities. If any of these risks actually occur, it may materially harm our business, financial condition, liquidity and results of operations. As a result, the market price of our securities could decline, and you could lose all or part of your investment. Additionally, the risks and uncertainties described in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement, any post-effective amendment or in any filing or document incorporated by reference herein or therein are not the only risks and uncertainties that we face. We may face additional risks and uncertainties that are not presently known to us, or that we currently deem immaterial, which may become material and adversely affect our business.

## The market price of our Common Stock may fluctuate significantly, and investors in our Common Stock may lose all or a part of their investment.

The market prices for securities of biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies have historically been highly volatile, and the market has from time to time experienced significant price and volume fluctuations that are unrelated to the operating performance of particular companies. For example, from November 11, 2022 (the first trading day following the closing of the Business Combination) to July 17, 2024, our closing stock price ranged from \$0.75 to \$14.80. The market price of our Common Stock may fluctuate significantly in response to numerous factors, some of which are beyond our control, such as:

- our ability to successfully commercialize ZTlido, GLOPERBA, ELYXYB or to commercialize our product candidates, if approved;
- legal disputes or other developments relating to proprietary rights, including patents, litigation matters and our ability to obtain patent protection for ZTlido, GLOPERBA, ELYXYB or our product candidates, government investigations and the results of any proceedings or lawsuits, including, but not limited to, patent or stockholder litigation;
- Sorrento's voluntary proceedings under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code;
- extension of the lock-up restriction by court order in the Chapter 11 Cases on the 76,000,000 shares of our Common Stock that were previously distributed by Sorrento to Sorrento equityholders as a dividend;
- announcements of the introduction of new products by our company and our competitors;
- issuances of debt or equity securities;
- market conditions and trends in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology sectors;
- overall performance of the equity markets and other factors that may be unrelated to our operating performance or the operating performance of our competitors, including changes in market valuations of similar companies;
- trading volume of our Common Stock;
- · ineffectiveness of our internal controls; and
- other events or factors, many of which are beyond our control.

The realization of any of the above risks or any of a broad range of other risks could have a dramatic and material adverse impact on the market price of our Common Stock.

The equity markets in general have recently experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations. Continued market fluctuations could result in extreme volatility in the price of our Common Stock. Further, price volatility of our Common Stock might worsen if the trading volume of our Common Stock is low. Although we have had periods of high-volume daily trading in our Common Stock, generally our stock is thinly traded. As a consequence of this lack of liquidity, the trading of relatively small quantities of shares by our stockholders may disproportionately influence the price of those shares in either direction. If an active trading market for our Common Stock does not continue, the price of our Common Stock may be more volatile and it may be more difficult and time consuming to complete a transaction in our Common Stock, which could have an adverse effect on the realized price of our Common Stock. In addition, an adverse development in the market price for our Common Stock could negatively affect our ability to issue new equity to fund our activities.

There is no assurance that we will enter into a definitive agreement with respect to the sale of our wholly owned subsidiary, Semnur Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("Semnur") and/or our SP-102 product candidate, under the terms of the letter of intent or otherwise.

As previously announced, our Board authorized our management to explore ways in which to maximize the value of Semnur and SP-102 (SEMDEXA<sup>TM</sup>), the product candidate held by Semnur, for us and our stockholders, including by way of conducting a spin-off, merger, dividend, reclassification or other similar transaction. As previously disclosed, on July 2, 2024, we announced the signing of a letter of intent for a potential business combination with Denali Capital Acquisition Corp., a Cayman Islands corporation (Nasdaq: DECA) ("Denali"). There is no assurance that we will enter into a definitive agreement with Denali or any other party with respect to the sale of Semnur and/or the SP-102 asset, whether under the terms of the letter of intent with Denali or otherwise. Even if we do enter into such definitive agreement, there is no assurance that any such transaction would be completed or that any such transaction will actually maximize the value of Semnur and/or the SP-102 asset for us or our stockholders.

#### MARKET AND INDUSTRY DATA

Certain information contained in this prospectus and the documents incorporate by reference into this prospectus relates to or is based on studies, publications, surveys, publicly available information, reports of governmental agencies and other data obtained from third-party sources and our own internal estimates and research. This information involves a number of assumptions and limitations, and you are cautioned not to give undue weight to these estimates. While we believe these third-party sources to be reliable as of the date of this prospectus or such document incorporated by reference, we have not independently verified the market and industry data contained in this prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus or the underlying assumptions relied on therein. Finally, while we believe our own internal research is reliable, such research has not been verified by any independent source. Notwithstanding the foregoing, we are liable for the information provided in this prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus. The industry in which we operate is subject to a high degree of uncertainty and risk due to a variety of factors, including those described in the section of this prospectus titled "*Risk Factors*" and under similar headings in the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus. These and other factors could cause results to differ materially from those expressed in the estimates made by the independent parties and by us.

#### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

All of the Shares offered by the Selling Securityholders pursuant to this prospectus will be sold by the Selling Securityholders for their own accounts. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of the Shares by the Selling Securityholders. The Selling Securityholders will pay any underwriting discounts, selling commissions or transfer taxes incurred in disposing of the Shares and the expenses of any attorney or other advisor they decide to employ. We will bear all other costs, fees and expenses incurred in effecting the registration of the Shares covered by this prospectus. These may include, without limitation, all registration, filing, stock exchange fees, printing expenses, all fees and expenses of complying with applicable securities laws and the fees and disbursements of our counsel and of our independent accountants and reasonable fees.

We will receive up to an aggregate of approximately \$4.2 million from the exercise of the Financing Warrants, assuming the exercise in full of the Financing Warrants for cash, but will not receive any proceeds from the sale of the Shares. We expect to use the proceeds from the exercise of the Financing Warrants for cash for working capital and general corporate purposes, which may include capital expenditures, commercialization expenditures, research and development expenditures, regulatory affairs expenditures, clinical trial expenditures, acquisitions of new technologies and investments, business combinations and the repayment, refinancing, redemption or repurchase of indebtedness or capital stock, although we believe we can fund our operations with cash on hand including cash proceeds received under the ATM Sales Agreement and from additional sources of financing that we may seek from time to time. However, we have not designated any specific uses and have no current agreement with respect to any acquisition or strategic transaction. As of the date of this prospectus, we cannot specify with certainty all of the particular uses, and the respective amounts we may allocate to those uses, for any proceeds we receive from the exercise of the Financing Warrants. Accordingly, we will retain broad discretion over the use of these proceeds. Pending our use of the proceeds as described above, we intend to invest such proceeds in interest-bearing instruments. There is no assurance that the holders of the Financing Warrants will elect to exercise any or all of such Financing Warrants.

#### SELLING SECURITYHOLDERS

This prospectus relates to the offer and sale from time to time by the Selling Securityholders of up to an aggregate of 3,500,000 shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to the Financing Warrants. Unless the context otherwise requires, as used in this prospectus, "Selling Securityholders" includes the Selling Securityholders listed below and donees, pledgees, permitted transferees or other successors-in-interest selling shares received after the date of this prospectus from the Selling Securityholders as a gift, pledge or other non-sale related transfer.

The Shares to be offered by the Selling Securityholders pursuant to this prospectus were "restricted" securities under applicable federal and state securities laws upon initial issuance and are being registered under the Securities Act to give the Selling Securityholders the opportunity to sell the Shares publicly. The registration of the resale of the Shares does not require that any of the Shares be offered or sold by the Selling Securityholders. The Selling Securityholders may also from time to time offer and sell all or a portion of their Shares indicated below in privately negotiated transactions or on the Nasdaq Capital Market or any other market on which our Common Stock may subsequently be listed or quoted.

The registered shares may be sold directly or through brokers or dealers, or in a distribution by one or more underwriters on a firm commitment or best effort basis. To the extent required, the names of any agent or broker-dealer and applicable commissions or discounts and any other required information with respect to any particular offering will be set forth in a prospectus supplement. See the section of this prospectus entitled "Plan of Distribution". The Selling Securityholders and any agents or broker-dealers that participate with the Selling Securityholders in the distribution of the registered shares may be deemed to be "underwriters" within the meaning of the Securities Act, and any commissions received by them and any profit on the resale of the registered shares may be deemed to be underwriting commissions or discounts under the Securities Act.

No estimate can be given as to the amount or percentage of Common Stock that will be held by the Selling Securityholders after any sales made pursuant to this prospectus because the Selling Securityholders are not required to sell any of the Shares being registered under the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. In particular, the Selling Securityholders identified below may have sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of all or a portion of its securities after the date on which it provided us with information regarding it securities in transactions exempt from registration under the Securities Act. Information about the Selling Securityholders may change over time. Any changed information will be set forth in a prospectus supplement or amendments to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, if and when required. Any prospectus supplement or amendments to the registration statement may add, update, substitute, or change the information contained in this prospectus, including the identity of the Selling Securityholders and the number of shares registered on its behalf.

Except for the transactions contemplated by the Commitment Letter, the Letter Agreement and the Financing Warrants, and as set forth in the section titled "*Plan of Distribution*" in this prospectus, the Selling Securityholders have not had any material relationship with us within the past three years.

This table is prepared based on information supplied to us by the Selling Securityholders, and reflects holdings as of July 17, 2024. The number of shares in the column titled "Maximum Number of Shares of Common Stock Being Offered" represents all of the shares of Common Stock being offered for resale by the Selling Securityholders under this prospectus. The Selling Securityholders may sell some, all, or none of the shares being offered for resale in this offering. We do not know how long the Selling Securityholders will hold the shares before selling them, and we are not aware of any existing arrangements between any Selling Securityholder and any other stockholder, broker, dealer, underwriter, or agent relating to the sale or distribution of the shares of our Common Stock being offered for resale by this prospectus.

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with Rule 13d-3(d) promulgated by the SEC under the Exchange Act, and includes shares of our Common Stock with respect to which the Selling Securityholders have sole or shared voting and investment power. The percentage of shares of our Common Stock beneficially owned by the Selling Securityholders prior to the offering shown in the table below is based on an aggregate of 181,785,520 shares of our Common Stock outstanding on July 17, 2024. The following table assumes that the Selling Securityholders will sell all of the Shares listed in this prospectus.

Except as indicated by the footnotes below, we believe, based on the information furnished to us, that the Selling Securityholders have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of Common Stock that each such Selling Securityholder beneficially owns, subject to applicable community property laws. Except as otherwise described below, based on the information provided to us by the Selling Securityholders, the Selling Securityholders are not broker-dealers or an affiliates of broker-dealers.

	Number of S Comm Stock Bene Owne	on ficially	Maximum Number of Shares of Common Stock Being	Shares of C Stoc Beneficially After the Shares of C Stock Ar	ek y Owned Offered Common
Name of Selling Securityholders	Number <sup>(1)</sup>	Percent	Offered(2)	Number(2)	Percent
FSF 33433 LLC <sup>(3)</sup>	3,250,000	1.8%	3,250,000		*
IVI 66766 LLC <sup>(4)</sup>	250,000	*	250,000	_	*

<sup>\*</sup> Less than one percent.

- (1) Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act. In computing the number of shares beneficially owned by a person and the percentage ownership of that person, shares of Common Stock subject to warrants, options and other convertible securities held by that person that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days (of July 17, 2024) are deemed outstanding. Shares subject to warrants, options and other convertible securities, however, are not deemed outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of any other person.
- (2) Assumes that the Selling Securityholders dispose of all of the Shares covered by this prospectus and do not acquire beneficial ownership of any additional shares. The registration of the Shares does not necessarily mean that the Selling Securityholders will sell all or any portion of the Shares covered by this prospectus.
- (3) Zalman Schapiro and Abraham Goldberger share voting and investment control with respect to shares held by FSF 33433 LLC. The address of FSF 33433 LLC is 1811 Silverside Road, Wilmington, DE 19810. IVI 66766 LLC owns 5% of the capital stock of FSF 33433 LLC. IVI 66766 LLC disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares, except to the extent of its pecuniary interest in such shares.
- (4) Zalman Schapiro has sole voting and investment control with respect to shares held by IVI 66766 LLC. The address of IVI 66766 LLC is 1811 Silverside Road, Wilmington, DE 19810.

#### Indemnification

Under the terms of the Financing Warrants, we have agreed to indemnify the Selling Securityholders, their affiliates, their representatives and permitted transferees against certain losses, claims, damages, liabilities, costs and expenses, including certain liabilities under the Securities Act and the Exchange Act.

#### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We are registering the Shares to permit the resale of the Shares by the Selling Securityholders from time to time after the date of this prospectus. We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale by the Selling Securityholders of the Shares. We will bear all fees and expenses incident to our obligation to register the Shares.

The Selling Securityholders may sell all or a portion of the shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by them and offered hereby from time to time directly or through one or more underwriters, broker-dealers or agents. If the shares of Common Stock are sold through underwriters or broker-dealers, the Selling Securityholders will be responsible for underwriting fees, discounts or commissions or agent's commissions. The shares of Common Stock may be sold in one or more transactions at fixed prices, at prevailing market prices at the time of the sale, at varying prices determined at the time of sale, or at negotiated prices. The Selling Securityholders will act independently of us in making decisions with respect to the timing, manner and size of each sale. These sales may be effected in transactions, which may involve cross or block transactions:

- on any national securities exchange or quotation service on which the securities may be listed or quoted at the time of sale;
- in the over-the-counter market;
- in transactions otherwise than on these exchanges or systems or in the over-the-counter market;
- through the writing of options, whether such options are listed on an options exchange or otherwise;
- in ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which the broker-dealer solicits purchasers;
- in block trades in which the broker-dealer will attempt to sell the shares as agent but may position and resell a portion of the block as principal to facilitate the transaction;
- through purchases by a broker-dealer as principal and resale by the broker-dealer for its account;
- in an exchange distribution in accordance with the rules of the applicable exchange;
- in privately negotiated transactions;
- · in short sales;
- through the distribution of the Common Stock by any Selling Securityholder to its partners, members or stockholders;
- through one or more underwritten offerings on a firm commitment or best efforts basis;
- in sales pursuant to Rule 144;
- whereby broker-dealers may agree with the Selling Securityholders to sell a specified number of such shares at a stipulated price per share;
- in a combination of any such methods of sale; and
- in any other method permitted pursuant to applicable law.

If the Selling Securityholders effect such transactions by selling shares of Common Stock to or through underwriters, broker-dealers or agents, such underwriters, broker-dealers or agents may receive commissions in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the Selling Securityholders or commissions from purchasers of the shares of Common Stock for whom they may act as agent or to whom they may sell as principal (which discounts, concessions or commissions as to particular underwriters, broker-dealers or agents may be in excess of those customary in the types of transactions involved). In connection with sales of the

shares of Common Stock or otherwise, the Selling Securityholders may enter into hedging transactions with broker-dealers, which may in turn engage in short sales of the shares of Common Stock in the course of hedging in positions they assume. The Selling Securityholders may also sell shares of Common Stock short and deliver shares of Common Stock covered by this prospectus to close out short positions and to return borrowed shares in connection with such short sales. The Selling Securityholders may also loan or pledge shares of Common Stock to broker-dealers that in turn may sell such shares.

The Selling Securityholders may pledge or grant a security interest in some or all of the shares of Common Stock owned by them and, if they default in the performance of their secured obligations, the pledgees or secured parties may offer and sell the shares of Common Stock from time to time pursuant to this prospectus or any amendment to this prospectus under Rule 424(b)(3) or other applicable provision of the Securities Act amending, if necessary, the list of Selling Securityholders to include the pledgee, transferee or other successors in interest as Selling Securityholders under this prospectus. The Selling Securityholders also may transfer and donate the shares of Common Stock in other circumstances in which case the transferees, donees, pledgees or other successors in interest will be the selling beneficial owners for purposes of this prospectus.

The Selling Securityholders, individually and not severally, and any broker-dealer participating in the distribution of the shares of Common Stock may be deemed to be "underwriters" within the meaning of the Securities Act, and any commission paid, or any discounts or concessions allowed to, any such broker-dealer may be deemed to be underwriting commissions or discounts under the Securities Act. At the time a particular offering of the shares of Common Stock is made, a prospectus supplement, if required, will be distributed which will set forth the aggregate amount of shares of Common Stock being offered and the terms of the offering, including the name or names of any broker-dealers or agents, any discounts, commissions and other terms constituting compensation from the Selling Securityholders and any discounts, commissions or concessions allowed or reallowed or paid to broker-dealers. The Selling Securityholders may indemnify any broker-dealer that participates in transactions involving the sale of the shares of Common Stock against certain liabilities, including liabilities arising under the Securities Act.

Under the securities laws of some states, the shares of Common Stock may be sold in such states only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers. In addition, in some states the shares of Common Stock may not be sold unless such shares have been registered or qualified for sale in such state or an exemption from registration or qualification is available and is complied with.

The aggregate proceeds to the Selling Securityholders from the sale of the Common Stock offered will be the purchase price of the Common Stock less discounts or commissions, if any. The Selling Securityholders reserve the right to accept and, together with their agents from time to time, to reject, in whole or in part, any proposed purchase of Common Stock to be made directly or through agents. There can be no assurance that any Selling Securityholders will sell any or all of the shares of Common Stock registered pursuant to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part.

The Selling Securityholders and any other person participating in such distribution will be subject to applicable provisions of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder, including, without limitation, Regulation M of the Exchange Act, which may limit the timing of purchases and sales of any of the shares of Common Stock by the Selling Securityholders and any other participating person. Regulation M may also restrict the ability of any person engaged in the distribution of the shares of Common Stock to engage in market-making activities with respect to the shares of Common Stock. All of the foregoing may affect the marketability of the shares of Common Stock and the ability of any person or entity to engage in market-making activities with respect to the shares of Common Stock.

We will pay all expenses of the registration of the shares of Common Stock pursuant to the Financing Warrants, estimated to be \$125,971.21 in total, including, all registration fee, legal fees and expenses, accounting fees and expenses, printing, transfer agent fees and miscellaneous expenses; provided, however, that the Selling Securityholders will pay all discounts, selling commissions and stock transfer taxes applicable to the sale of their respective Shares and fees and disbursements of financial advisors for the Selling Securityholders and all similar commissions relating to the Selling Securityholder's disposition of the Shares. We will indemnify the Selling Securityholders against certain liabilities, including certain liabilities arising under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act. We may be indemnified by the Selling Securityholders against certain liabilities, including certain liabilities under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, that may arise from any written information furnished to us by the Selling Securityholders specifically for use in this prospectus.

Once sold under the registration statement, of which this prospectus forms a part, the shares of Common Stock will be freely tradable in the hands of persons other than our affiliates.

#### **DESCRIPTION OF OUR SECURITIES**

#### General

The following description summarizes the most important terms of our securities. The following summary does not purport to be complete and is subject to the Certificate of Incorporation, the Bylaws and the provisions of applicable law. Copies of the Certificate of Incorporation and the Bylaws are attached as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. The stockholders are encouraged to read the applicable provisions of the DGCL, the Certificate of Incorporation and the Bylaws in their entirety for a complete description of the rights and preferences of our securities.

#### **Authorized and Outstanding Stock**

The Certificate of Incorporation authorizes the issuance of (i) 740,000,000 shares of Common Stock and (ii) 45,000,000 shares of preferred stock, \$0.0001 par value per share (the "Preferred Stock"), of which 29,057,097 shares have been designated as Series A Preferred Stock. As of July 17, 2024, there were 181,785,520 shares of Common Stock and 29,057,097 shares of Series A Preferred Stock issued and outstanding.

#### Common Stock

The Certificate of Incorporation provides the following with respect to the rights, powers, preferences and privileges of the Common Stock.

#### **Dividend Rights**

The holders of Common Stock are entitled to receive ratably those dividends, if any, that may be declared from time to time by the Board upon the shares of our capital stock, which dividends may be paid either in cash, in property or in shares of our capital stock, subject to preferences that may be applicable to preferred stock, if any, then outstanding. Subject to applicable law and the Certificate of Incorporation, our Board will have full power to determine whether any dividends shall be declared and paid to stockholders.

## Voting Rights

Each holder of our Common Stock will be entitled to one vote for each share of our Common Stock held of record by such holder on all matters on which stockholders generally are entitled to vote, except for any amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation that relates solely to the terms of one or more outstanding classes or series of our Preferred Stock if the holders of such affected classes or series are entitled, either separately or together with the holders of one or more other such classes or series, to vote thereon pursuant to the Certificate of Incorporation or the DGCL. Any action or matter presented to the stockholders at a duly called or convened meeting, at which a quorum is present, is decided by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the votes cast affirmatively or negatively (excluding abstentions) at the meeting by the holders entitled to vote thereon, except that our directors will be elected by a plurality of the votes cast.

# Right to Receive Liquidation Distributions

In the event of a liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, the holders of our Common Stock will be entitled to share ratably in all assets remaining after payment of liabilities, subject to prior distribution rights of our Preferred Stock, if any, then outstanding.

## No Preemptive or Similar Rights

Our Common Stock have no preemptive or conversion rights or other subscription rights. There are no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable to our Common Stock.

## Fully Paid and Non-Assessable

The outstanding shares of our Common Stock are fully paid and non-assessable.

#### **Our Preferred Stock**

The Certificate of Incorporation authorizes our Board, subject to limitations prescribed by Delaware law, to issue up to 45,000,000 shares of preferred stock in one or more series, to determine and fix from time to time the number of shares to be included in each such series and to fix the designations, powers, rights and preferences of the shares of each such series, and the qualifications, limitations and restrictions thereof, including voting rights (if any), dividend rights, dissolution rights, conversion rights, exchange rights and redemption rights, in each case without further vote or action by our stockholders. The number of authorized shares of our Common Stock and our Preferred Stock may be increased or decreased (but not below the number of the shares thereof then outstanding) by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority in voting power of our outstanding stock entitled to vote thereon.

Our Board may authorize the issuance of preferred stock with voting or conversion rights that could adversely affect the voting power or other rights of the holders of our Common Stock. The issuance of preferred stock, while providing flexibility in connection with possible acquisitions and other corporate purposes, could, among other things, have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control and may adversely affect the market price of our Common Stock and the voting and other rights of the holders of our Common Stock. Other than the shares of Series A Preferred Stock, there are no other shares of Preferred Stock outstanding and we have no current plans to issue any other shares of preferred stock.

## Number and Designation

We filed the Certificate of Designations, designating 29,057,097 shares of our preferred stock as "Series A Preferred Stock". As of July 17, 2024, 29,057,097 shares of the Series A Preferred Stock are held by SCLX Stock Acquisition JV LLC, our indirect wholly-owned subsidiary, which shares were repurchased from Sorrento pursuant to the terms of the Stock Purchase Agreement, dated September 21, 2023, entered into between us and Sorrento (the "Sorrento SPA") and represent all of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock that were previously owned by Sorrento. The shares of Series A Preferred Stock have all of the rights, preferences and privileges set forth in the Certificate of Designations as more fully described below.

#### Rank

The Series A Preferred Stock shall rank (i) senior to all of our Common Stock, and to all other classes or series of our capital stock, except for any such other class or series, the terms of which expressly provide that it ranks on parity with the Series A Preferred Stock as to dividend rights on liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Company ("Junior Securities"); and (ii) on parity with each class or series of our capital stock, created specifically ranking by its terms on parity with the Series A Preferred Stock as to dividend rights and rights on liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Company ("Parity Securities").

## Dividend Rights

Holders of the Series A Preferred Stock shall not be entitled to dividends unless we pay dividends to holders of the Common Stock and shall be entitled to receive, when, as and if declared by our Board, such dividends (whether in cash or other property) as are paid to holders of our Common Stock to the same extent as if such holders of Series A Preferred Stock had been deemed to convert their shares of Series A Preferred Stock into Common Stock and had held such shares of Common Stock on the record date for such dividends and distributions. Such payments will be made concurrently with the dividend or distribution to the holders of the Common Stock.

## Liquidation Preference

In the event of a change of control, liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Company, whether voluntary or involuntary, before any payment or distribution of our property or assets (whether capital or surplus) shall be made to or set apart for the holders of Junior Securities, the holders of Series A Preferred Stock shall be entitled to receive an amount per share of Series A Preferred Stock equal to the greater of (i) the sum of \$10.00 (which amount shall be appropriately adjusted in the event of any stock split, stock combination or other similar recapitalization of the Series A Preferred Stock) and all accrued and unpaid dividends and (ii) the amount such share of Series A Preferred Stock would be entitled to receive pursuant to the change of control, liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Company assuming that such share had been converted into shares of Common Stock in a Deemed Conversion (as defined below).

#### Conversion and Redemption Rights

The shares of Series A Preferred Stock will not be convertible into Common Stock or any of our other securities and will not be redeemable by the Company; provided, however, a number of the rights, preferences and privileges of the Series A Preferred Stock set forth in the Certificate of Designations will be determined based on an as-converted-to-Common Stock basis or otherwise assume that the shares of Series A Preferred Stock are converted into shares of Common Stock. Accordingly, the number of shares of Common Stock that each share of Series A Preferred Stock is deemed to be (or otherwise being treated as) converted into for the purpose of affecting the various rights, preferences and privileges of the Series A Preferred Stock set forth in the Certificate of Designation (a "Deemed Conversion"), whether in connection with a change of control or otherwise, shall be equal to the result obtained by dividing (i) stated value by (ii) \$10.00 (subject to anti-dilution adjustments).

## Voting and Other Preferred Rights

Except as otherwise required by law or as set forth in the Certificate of Designations, the holders of shares of Series A Preferred Stock will be entitled to vote, together with the holders of shares of Common Stock and not separately as a class, on all matters upon which holders of shares of Common Stock have the right to vote. The holders of shares of Series A Preferred Stock will be entitled to one vote for each share of Common Stock that such share of Series A Preferred Stock would otherwise be convertible into pursuant to a Deemed Conversion on the record date for the determination of the stockholders entitled to vote.

As long as any shares of Series A Preferred Stock are outstanding, we shall not, without the affirmative vote of the holders of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock (a) change the Series A Preferred Stock (whether by merger, consolidation, reclassification or otherwise) into cash, securities or other property except in accordance with the terms of the Certificate of Designations; (b) create, authorize or issue any Parity Security or other equity security the terms of which provide that it ranks senior to the Series A Preferred Stock with respect to dividend rights or rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Company, or increase the authorized amount of any such other class or series; or (c) amend the Certificate of Incorporation or the Certificate of Designations in any manner that adversely affects the holders of Series A Preferred Stock.

## **Registration Rights**

Pursuant to the Registration Rights Agreement entered into on November 10, 2022, between us and the stockholders named therein (the "Registration Rights Agreement"), certain of our stockholders are able to demand that we register their registrable securities under certain circumstances and each also have piggyback registration rights for these securities. In addition, we are required to file and maintain an effective registration statement under the Securities Act covering the resale of all such registrable securities. We have filed a registration statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-268603) which was initially declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on December 27, 2022, in order to satisfy these obligations. The registration of these securities will enable the public sale of such securities, subject to certain contractual restrictions imposed by the Registration Rights Agreement and the Merger Agreement. The presence of these additional shares of Common Stock trading in the public market may have an adverse effect on the market price of our securities.

## Anti-Takeover Matters in our Governing Documents and Under Delaware Law

Certain provisions of Delaware law, along with the Certificate of Incorporation and the Bylaws, all of which are summarized below, may have the effect of delaying, deferring or discouraging another person from acquiring control of the Company. These provisions are expected to discourage coercive takeover practices and inadequate takeover bids. These provisions are also designed, in part, to encourage persons seeking to acquire control of the Company to first negotiate with our Board. However, these provisions could have the effect of delaying, discouraging or preventing attempts to acquire the Company, which could deprive our stockholders of opportunities to sell their shares of our Common Stock at prices higher than prevailing market prices.

## Authorized but Unissued Capital Stock

The authorized but unissued shares of our Common Stock and our Preferred Stock are available for future issuance without stockholder approval, subject to any limitations imposed by the Nasdaq Listing Rules. These additional shares may be used for a variety of corporate finance transactions, acquisitions and employee benefit plans. The existence of authorized but unissued and unreserved Common Stock and Preferred Stock could make more difficult or discourage an attempt to obtain control of the Company by means of a proxy contest, tender offer, merger or otherwise.

## Impact of the Equity Repurchase Transaction on Provisions Related to a Sorrento Trigger Event

Certain provisions of our Certificate of Incorporation related to the number of authorized directors, filling vacancies on the Board, removal of directors, stockholder actions by written consent, calling of special meetings of our stockholders, our election to not be governed by Section 203 of the DGCL and amendments to our Certificate of Incorporation and our Bylaws lapse upon or are triggered at the time Sorrento Therapeutics, Inc. ("Sorrento", together with its affiliates, subsidiaries, successors and assigns (other than us and our subsidiaries)) first ceases to beneficially own more than 50% in voting power of the then-outstanding shares of our capital stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (the "Sorrento Trigger Event"). Upon the closing of the equity repurchase transaction pursuant to the Sorrento SPA, a Sorrento Trigger Event occurred. The disclosures below related to the foregoing provisions are based on the occurrence of such event.

## Classified Board of Directors

The Certificate of Incorporation provides that our Board are divided into three classes, with the classes as nearly equal in number as practical and each class serving three-year staggered terms. The directors in each class serve for a three-year term (except that the term of our current Class II directors shall expire at our 2024 annual meeting of stockholders (with three-year terms subsequently)), with one class being elected each year by the stockholders. This system of electing and removing directors may tend to discourage a third party from making a tender offer or otherwise attempting to obtain control of the Company, because it generally makes it more difficult for stockholders to replace a majority of the directors.

The Certificate of Incorporation also provides that the total number of directors shall be determined from time to time exclusively by our Board.

#### Removal of Directors; Vacancies

The Certificate of Incorporation provides that, except as otherwise required by law or the Certificate of Incorporation, directors may be removed only for cause and only by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 66 2/3% in voting power of all the then-outstanding shares of our capital stock entitled to vote thereon, voting together as a single class, in each case subject to the rights of holders of any series of Preferred Stock.

In addition, the Certificate of Incorporation provides that, except as otherwise provided therein or by law, any vacancy resulting from the death, resignation, removal or disqualification of a director or other cause, or any newly created directorship in our Board, shall be filled only by a majority of the directors then in office, although less than a quorum, and shall not be filled by our stockholders, in each case subject to the rights of the holders of any series of Preferred Stock.

These provisions may have the effect of deferring, delaying, or discouraging hostile takeovers, changes in control of the Company or changes in our management.

## Delaware Anti-Takeover Law

The Certificate of Incorporation provides that we are governed by Section 203 of the DGCL.

Section 203 of the DGCL prohibits persons deemed to be "interested stockholders" from engaging in a "business combination" with a publicly held Delaware corporation for three years following the date such persons become interested stockholders, unless the business combination is, or the transaction in which the person became an interested stockholder was, approved in a prescribed manner or another prescribed exception applies. Generally, an "interested stockholder" is a person who, together with affiliates and associates, owns, or within three years prior to the determination of interested stockholder status did own, 15% or more of a corporation's voting stock. Generally, a "business combination" includes a merger, asset or stock sale, or other transaction resulting in a financial benefit to the interested stockholder. The existence of this provision may have an anti-takeover effect with respect to transactions that are not approved in advance by our Board, including discouraging attempts that might result in a premium over the market price for the shares of Common Stock held by stockholders.

The Certificate of Incorporation provides that the restrictions on business combination of Section 203 of the DGCL will not apply to Sorrento or its current or future Affiliates (as defined in the Certificate of Incorporation) regardless of the percentage of ownership of the total voting power of all the then-outstanding shares of our capital stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors beneficially owned by them.

## No Cumulative Voting

Under Delaware law, the right to vote cumulatively does not exist unless the certificate of incorporation specifically authorizes cumulative voting. The Certificate of Incorporation does not authorize cumulative voting. Therefore, stockholders holding a majority of the shares of our capital stock entitled to vote generally in the election of directors will be able to elect all of our directors.

#### Special Stockholder Meetings

The Certificate of Incorporation provides that special meetings of stockholders may only be called by order of the Chairperson of our Board, our Board or the Chief Executive Officer, subject to the rights of the holders of any series of Preferred Stock with respect to such series of preferred stock. The Bylaws prohibits the conduct of any business at a special meeting other than as specified in the notice for such meeting. These provisions may have the effect of deferring, delaying, or discouraging hostile takeovers or changes in control or management.

## Director Nominations and Stockholder Proposals

The Bylaws establishes advance notice procedures with respect to stockholder proposals and the nomination of candidates for election as directors, other than nominations made by or at the direction of our Board or a committee of our Board. In order for any matter to be "properly brought" before a meeting, a stockholder will have to comply with advance notice requirements and provide us with certain information.

Generally, to be timely, a stockholder's notice must be delivered to our secretary at our principal executive offices not earlier than the close of business on the 120th day nor later than the close of business on the 90th day prior to the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting; provided, however, that, if the date of the annual meeting is advanced more than 30 days prior to or delayed by more than 60 days after the anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting, or if no annual meeting was held in the preceding year, notice by the stockholder to be timely must be so delivered not earlier than the close of business on the 120th day prior to such annual meeting and not later than the close of business on the later of the 90th day prior to such annual meeting and the 10th day following the day on which public announcement of the date of such meeting is first made by us. The Bylaws also specifies requirements as to the form and content of a stockholder's notice. The Bylaws allows any previously scheduled stockholders meeting to be postponed, adjourned or canceled by resolution of our Board; provided, however, that with respect to any special meeting of stockholders scheduled at the request of Sorrento, our Board is not allowed to postpone, reschedule or cancel without the prior written consent of Sorrento. In addition, the Bylaws allows the chair of a meeting of the stockholders to adopt rules and regulations for the conduct of that meeting that may have the effect of precluding the conduct of certain business at that meeting if the rules and regulations are not followed. These provisions may also defer, delay, or discourage a potential acquirer from conducting a solicitation of proxies to elect the acquirer's own slate of directors or otherwise attempting to influence or obtain control.

## Stockholder Action by Written Consent

Pursuant to Section 228 of the DGCL and the terms of the Certificate of Incorporation, any action required or permitted to be taken by our stockholders must be effected by a duly called annual or special meeting of such stockholders, subject to the rights of the holders of any series of Preferred Stock with respect to such series of preferred stock.

## Amendment of Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws

The DGCL provides generally that the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares entitled to vote on any matter is required to amend a corporation's certificate of incorporation or bylaws, unless a corporation's certificate of incorporation or bylaws, as the case may be, requires a greater percentage.

The Certificate of Incorporation provides that the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 66 2/3% of the voting power of the then-outstanding shares of our capital stock entitled to vote thereon, voting together as a single class, will be required to alter, amend or repeal the following provisions of the Certificate of Incorporation: Article V (Board of Directors), Article VI (Consent of Stockholders in Lieu of Meeting; Special Meetings of Stockholders), Article VII (Limitation of Liability), Article VIII (Corporate Opportunities and Competition), Article IX (Exclusive Forum), Article X (Section 203 of the DGCL) and Article XI (Amendment of Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws), and no other provision may be adopted, amended or repealed that would have the effect of modifying or permitting the circumvention of the provisions set forth in any of such Articles.

The Certificate of Incorporation and the Bylaws provide that, our Board is authorized to make, alter and repeal the Bylaws, without the consent or vote of the stockholders, by an approval of a majority of the total authorized number of directors. The affirmative vote of the holders of at least 66 2/3% of the voting power of the then-outstanding shares of our capital stock entitled to vote thereon, voting together as a single class, will be required to alter, amend or repeal the Bylaws.

The provisions of the DGCL, the Certificate of Incorporation and the Bylaws could have the effect of discouraging others from attempting hostile takeovers and, as a consequence, they may also inhibit temporary fluctuations in the market price of our Common Stock that often result from actual or rumored hostile takeover attempts. These provisions may also have the effect of preventing changes in the composition of our Board and our management. It is possible that these provisions could make it more difficult to accomplish transactions that stockholders may otherwise deem to be in their best interests.

## **Exclusive Forum**

The Certificate of Incorporation provides that, unless we consent in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware (or, if and only if the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware lacks subject matter jurisdiction, any state court located within the State of Delaware or, if and only if all such state courts lack subject matter jurisdiction, the federal district court for the District of Delaware) and any appellate court therefrom shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, be the sole and exclusive forum for (i) any derivative action or proceeding brought on behalf of the Company, (ii) any action asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any of our current or former directors, officers, employees or stockholders to us or our stockholders, (iii) any action asserting a claim against us or any of our current or former directors, officers, employees or stockholders arising pursuant to any provision of the DGCL or of the Certificate of Incorporation or the Bylaws, (iv) any action or proceeding asserting a claim against us or any of our current or former directors, officers, employees or stockholders as to which the DGCL confers jurisdiction to the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware, or (vi) any action asserting an "internal corporate claim," as that term is defined in Section 115 of the DGCL. The foregoing exclusive forum provisions will not apply to claims arising under the Exchange Act or any other claim for which the federal courts have exclusive jurisdiction.

In addition, the Certificate of Incorporation provides that, unless we consent in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the federal district courts of the United States of America shall be the exclusive forum for the resolution of any complaint asserting a cause of action arising under the Securities Act.

Although we believe these provisions benefit us by providing increased consistency in the application of applicable law in the types of lawsuits to which they apply, the provisions may have the effect of discouraging lawsuits against our directors and officers. The enforceability of similar choice of forum provisions in other companies' certificates of incorporation has been challenged in legal proceedings and there is uncertainty as to whether a court would enforce such provisions. In addition, investors cannot waive compliance with the federal securities laws and the rules and regulations thereunder. It is possible that, in connection with any applicable action brought against us, a court could find the choice of forum provisions contained in the Certificate of Incorporation to be inapplicable or unenforceable in such action. We may incur additional costs associated with resolving such action in other jurisdictions, which could harm our business, operating results and financial condition. Any person or entity purchasing or otherwise acquiring any interest in shares of our capital stock shall be deemed to have notice of and consented to the forum provisions in the Certificate of Incorporation.

#### Limitation of Liability and Indemnification of Directors and Officers

The Certificate of Incorporation and the Bylaws contain provisions that limit the liability of our directors for monetary damages to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL. Consequently, our directors will not be personally liable to us or our stockholders for monetary damages for any breach of fiduciary duties as directors, except liability for the following:

- any breach of their duty of loyalty to us or our stockholders;
- acts or omissions not in good faith or that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;
- unlawful payments of dividends or unlawful stock repurchases or redemptions in violation of the DGCL; or
- any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

The Certificate of Incorporation also provides that if the DGCL is amended to permit further elimination or limitation of the personal liability of directors, then the liability of our directors will be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL, as so amended.

The Bylaws provide that we shall indemnify any person who is or was our director or officer or who is or was serving at our request as a director, officer or trustee of another corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, employee benefit plan, trust, nonprofit entity or other enterprise (a "Covered Person") and who is or was a party to, is threatened to be made a party to, or is otherwise involved (including as a witness) in any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative based on such person's actions in his or her official capacity as our director or officer or as a director, officer or trustee of another corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, employee benefit plan, trust, nonprofit entity or other enterprise (to the extent serving in such position at our request), in each case against all liability and loss suffered (including, without limitation, any judgments, fines, excise taxes or penalties arising under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and amounts paid in settlement consented to in writing by us) and expenses (including attorneys' fees), actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection therewith, subject to certain conditions. In addition, the Bylaws provide that we may, to the fullest extent permitted by law, (i) advance costs, fees or expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by a Covered Person defending or participating in any proceeding in advance of the final disposition of such proceeding, subject to certain exceptions, and (ii) purchase and maintain insurance, at our expense, to protect us and any person who is or was our director, officer, employee or agent serving at our request as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise against any liability, expense or loss, whether or not we would have the power or obliga

We have entered into indemnification agreements with each of our directors, executive officers and certain other employees as determined by our Board. These agreements, among other things, require us to indemnify our directors and executive officers against liabilities that may arise by reason of their status or service. These indemnification agreements also require us to advance all expenses actually and reasonably incurred by the directors and executive officers in connection with any proceeding. Our Board believes that these agreements are necessary to attract and retain qualified individuals to serve as directors and executive officers.

Certain of our non-employee directors may, through their relationships with their employers, be insured or indemnified against certain liabilities incurred in their capacity as members of our Board.

The limitation of liability and indemnification provisions in the Certificate of Incorporation and the Bylaws may discourage stockholders from bringing a lawsuit against our directors and officers for breach of their fiduciary duty. They may also reduce the likelihood of derivative litigation against our directors and officers, even though an action, if successful, might benefit us and our stockholders. In addition, a stockholder's investment may be adversely affected to the extent we pay the costs of settlement and damage awards against directors and officers pursuant to these indemnification provisions. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors or executive officers, we have been informed that in the opinion of the SEC, such indemnification is against public policy and is therefore unenforceable.

#### **Conflicts of Interest**

Delaware law permits corporations to adopt provisions renouncing any interest or expectancy in certain opportunities that are presented to the corporation or its officers, directors or stockholders. The Certificate of Incorporation provides that, to the fullest extent permitted by law, no Identified Person (as defined therein) will have any duty to refrain from (i) engaging in a corporate opportunity in the same or similar business activities or lines of business in which we or our affiliates are engaged or that are deemed to be competing with us or any of our affiliates or (ii) otherwise investing in or providing services to any person that is engaged in the same or similar business activities as we or our affiliates or competes with us or our affiliates. In addition, to the fullest extent permitted by law, no Identified Person will have any obligation to offer to us or our subsidiaries or affiliates the right to participate in any corporate opportunity in the same or similar business activities or lines of business in which we or our affiliates are engaged or that are deemed to be competing with us or any of our affiliates. Subject to the preceding sentences and to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, neither we nor any of our subsidiaries shall have any rights in any business interests, activities or ventures of any Identified Person, and we waive and renounce any interest or expectancy therein, except with respect to opportunities offered solely and expressly to our officers in their capacity as such.

## **Rights of Appraisal and Payment**

Under the DGCL, with certain exceptions, our stockholders will have appraisal rights in connection with a merger or consolidation of the Company. Pursuant to Section 262 of the DGCL, stockholders who properly demand and perfect appraisal rights in connection with such merger or consolidation will have the right to receive payment of the fair value of their shares as determined by the Delaware Court of Chancery. However, appraisal rights are not available in all circumstances.

#### Stockholders' Derivative Actions

Under the DGCL, any of our stockholders may bring an action in the Company's name to procure a judgment in its favor, also known as a derivative action, provided that the stockholder bringing the action is a holder of our capital stock at the time of the transaction to which the action relates.

#### **SPAC Warrants**

As of July 17, 2024, there are 17,798,309 outstanding SPAC Warrants. The "SPAC Warrants" include (i) 10,958,309 redeemable warrants with an exercise price of \$11.50 per share that were previously included in the units issued in connection with the initial public offering of Vickers Vantage Corp. I (our predecessor company) (the "Public Warrants" and (ii) 6,840,000 warrants with an exercise price of \$11.50 per share that were initially sold in a private placement to the sponsors of Vickers Vantage Corp. I (the "Private Placement Warrants").

#### **Public Warrants**

Each Public Warrant entitles the registered holder thereof to purchase one share of our Common Stock at a price of \$11.50 per share, subject to adjustment as described in the Warrant Agreement (as defined below). We may, in our sole discretion, lower the warrant exercise price at any time prior to the expiration date for a period of not less than 20 business days and any such reduction will be applied consistently to all of the warrants, provided that we will provide at least 20 days' prior written notice to registered holders of the warrants.

However, no Public Warrants will be exercisable for cash unless we have an effective and current registration statement covering the issuance of the Common Stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants and a current prospectus relating to such Common Stock. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if a registration statement covering the issuance of the Common Stock issuable upon exercise of the Public Warrants is not effective within 90 days from the consummation of the Business Combination, warrantholders may, from the 91st day after the consummation of the Business Combination until such time as there is an effective registration statement and during any period when we shall have failed to maintain an effective registration statement, exercise warrants on a cashless basis pursuant to an available exemption from registration under the Securities Act. If an exemption from registration is not available, holders will not be able to exercise their warrants on a cashless basis.

The warrants will expire five years from the consummation of the Business Combination (i.e., November 10, 2027) at 5:00 p.m., New York City time or earlier upon redemption or liquidation.

We may call the warrants for redemption (excluding the Private Placement Warrants), in whole and not in part, at a price of \$0.01 per warrant:

- at any time while the warrants are exercisable,
- upon not less than 30 days' prior written notice of redemption to each warrantholder,
- if, and only if, the closing price of the Common Stock equals or exceeds \$18.00 per share (as adjusted for share sub-divisions, share dividends, reorganizations and recapitalizations), for any 20 trading days within a 30 trading day period commencing after the warrants become exercisable and ending on the third trading day prior to the date on which notice of redemption is given, and
- if, and only if, there is an effective registration statement covering the Common Stock issuable upon exercise of the Public Warrants, and a current prospectus relating thereto, available throughout the 30-day redemption.

We may not exercise such redemption right if the issuance of the Common Stock upon exercise of the warrants is not exempt from registration or qualification under applicable state blue sky laws or we are unable to effect such registration or qualification. The right to exercise will be forfeited unless the warrants are exercised prior to the date specified in the notice of redemption. On and after the redemption date, a record holder of a warrant will have no further rights except to receive the redemption price for such holder's warrant upon surrender of such warrant.

The redemption criteria for our warrants have been established at a price which is intended to provide warrantholders a reasonable premium to the initial exercise price and provide a sufficient differential between the then-prevailing per share price of our Common Stock and the warrant exercise price so that if the per share price of our Common Stock declines as a result of our redemption call, the redemption will not cause the per share price of our Common Stock to drop below the exercise price of the warrants.

If we call the warrants for redemption as described above, our management will have the option to require all holders of warrants to exercise their warrants on a "cashless basis." In such event, each holder would pay the exercise price by surrendering the warrants for that number of shares of Common Stock equal to the quotient obtained by dividing (x) the product of the number of shares of Common Stock underlying the warrants, multiplied by the difference between the exercise price of the warrants and the fair market value by (y) the fair market value. The "fair market value" for this purpose shall mean the average reported closing price of the shares of our Common Stock for the 10 trading days ending on the third trading day prior to the date on which the notice of redemption is sent to the holders of warrants. For example, if a holder held 150 warrants to purchase 150 shares of our Common Stock and the fair market value on the trading date prior to exercise was \$15.00, that holder would receive 35 shares of our Common Stock without the payment of any additional cash consideration. Whether we will exercise our option to require all holders to exercise their warrants on a "cashless basis" will depend on a variety of factors including the price of our Common Stock at the time the warrants are called for redemption, our cash needs at such time and concerns regarding dilutive share issuances. Requiring a cashless exercise in this manner will reduce the number of shares of our Common Stock to be issued and thereby lessen the dilutive effect of a warrant redemption. We believe this feature is an attractive option to use if we do not need the cash from the exercise of the Public Warrants.

The warrants are issued in registered form under a warrant agreement (the "Warrant Agreement") between Continental, as warrant agent, and us. The Warrant Agreement provides that the terms of the warrants may be amended without the consent of any holder to cure any ambiguity or correct any defective provision, but requires the approval, by written consent or vote, of the registered holders of a majority of the then-outstanding warrants (including the Private Placement Warrants) in order to make any change that adversely affects the interests of the registered holders.

The exercise price and number of shares of Common Stock issuable on exercise of the warrants may be adjusted in certain circumstances including in the event of (i) a stock dividend or split up, (ii) a consolidation, combination, reverse stock split or reclassification of the Common Stock, (iii) extraordinary dividend or (iv) reclassification or reorganization of the outstanding Common Stock or an merger or consolidation of us with or into another corporation. However, the warrants will not be adjusted for issuances of shares of Common Stock at a price below the par value per share issuable upon exercise of the warrants. Whenever the number of shares of Common Stock purchasable upon the exercise of the warrants is adjusted, the warrant exercise price will be adjusted by multiplying such warrant exercise price immediately prior to such adjustment by a fraction (x) the numerator of which will be the number of shares of Common Stock purchasable upon the exercise of the warrants immediately prior to such adjustment, and (y) the denominator of which will be the number of shares of Common Stock so purchasable immediately thereafter.

The warrants may be exercised upon surrender of the warrant certificate on or prior to the expiration date at the offices of the warrant agent, with the exercise form on the reverse side of the warrant certificate completed and executed as indicated, accompanied by full payment of the exercise price (or on a cashless basis, if applicable), by certified check or bank draft payable to the order of the warrant agent or wire transfer, for the number of warrants being exercised. The warrantholders do not have the rights or privileges of holders of shares of Common Stock and any voting rights until they exercise their warrants and receive shares of Common Stock. After the issuance of shares of Common Stock upon exercise of the warrants, each holder will be entitled to one vote for each share of Common Stock held of record on all matters to be voted on by stockholders.

Except as described above, no Public Warrants will be exercisable for cash and we will not be obligated to issue shares of Common Stock upon exercise of a warrant unless the shares of Common Stock issuable upon such warrant exercise have been registered, qualified or deemed to be exempt under the securities laws of the state of residence of the registered holder of the warrants. Under the terms of the Warrant Agreement, we have agreed to use our best efforts to meet these conditions and to maintain a current prospectus relating to the Common Stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants until the expiration of the warrants. However, we cannot assure you that we will be able to do so and, if we do not maintain a current prospectus relating to the Common Stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants and we will not be required to settle any such warrant exercise. If the prospectus relating to the Common Stock issuable upon the exercise of the warrants is not current or if the Common Stock is not qualified or exempt from qualification in the jurisdictions in which the holders of the warrants reside, we will not be required to net cash settle or cash settle the warrant exercise, the warrants may have no value, the market for the warrants may be limited and the warrants may expire worthless.

Warrantholders may elect to be subject to a restriction on the exercise of their warrants such that an electing warrantholder would not be able to exercise their warrants to the extent that, after giving effect to such exercise, such holder (together with such holder's affiliates) would beneficially own in excess of 9.8% of the Common Stock outstanding immediately after giving effect to such exercise.

No fractional shares will be issued upon exercise of the warrants. If, upon exercise of the warrants, a holder would be entitled to receive a fractional interest in a share, we will, upon exercise, round up to the nearest whole number of shares of Common Stock to be issued to the warrantholder.

#### **Private Placement Warrants**

The Private Placement Warrants are identical to the Public Warrants except that such Private Placement Warrants are exercisable for cash (even if a registration statement covering the issuance of the Common Stock issuable upon exercise of such warrants is not effective) or on a cashless basis, at the holder's option, and will not be redeemable by us, in each case so long as they are still held by the initial purchasers or their affiliates.

The foregoing summary of the terms and conditions of the SPAC Warrants does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the copy of the specimen warrant certificate and the Warrant Agreement that are attached as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part.

## **Penny Warrants**

In connection with the closing of the transactions contemplated by the Securities Purchase Agreement, dated September 21, 2023, between us and Oramed Pharmaceuticals Inc. ("Oramed" and such Securities Purchase Agreement, the "Scilex-Oramed SPA"), we issued warrants to purchase Common Stock, having an exercise price of \$0.01 per share, subject to adjustment as provided therein (such warrants, the "Penny Warrants"), to Oramed.

The warrant to purchase up to an aggregate of 4,500,000 shares of our Common Stock, with an exercise price of \$0.01 per share, which we issued to Oramed pursuant to the Scilex-Oramed SPA (the "Closing Penny Warrant"), will be exercisable upon the earliest of (i) March 14, 2025, (ii) the date on which the senior secured promissory note due 18 months from the date of issuance in the principal amount of \$101,875,000 issued by us to Oramed pursuant to the Scilex-Oramed SPA (the "Oramed Note") has been repaid in full and (iii) the

Management Sale Trigger Date (as defined therein), if any, and will expire on the date that is the fifth anniversary of the issuance date. For purposes of the Penny Warrants, the Management Sale Trigger Date is generally the first date on which either Dr. Henry Ji, our Executive Chairperson, or Mr. Jaisim Shah, our Chief Executive Officer and President and a member of the Board, engages in certain sales or other similar transfers of shares of Common Stock or other of our or any of our subsidiaries' securities, subject to certain exceptions as are customary for lock-up agreements executed by directors and officers in connection with financings or similar transactions.

Pursuant to the Scilex-Oramed SPA, we issued to Oramed four warrants (each a "Subsequent Penny Warrant") to purchase up to an aggregate of 8,500,000 shares of our Common Stock, each with an exercise price of \$0.01 per share, each for 2,125,000 shares of Common Stock, one of which shall vest and become exercisable on the date that is the later of (i) each of March 19, 2024, June 17, 2024, September 15, 2024 or December 14, 2024 (the "Subsequent Penny Warrant Vesting Date") and (ii) the earliest of (A) March 14, 2025, (B) the date on which the Oramed Note has been repaid in full and (C) the Management Sale Trigger Date (as defined therein), if any. Each Subsequent Penny Warrant will expire on the date that is the fifth anniversary of the issuance date; provided that, if the Oramed Note is repaid in full prior to the Subsequent Penny Warrant Vesting Date applicable to such Subsequent Penny Warrant, such Subsequent Penny Warrant will expire on the date the Oramed Note is repaid in full.

The exercise price of the Closing Penny Warrant issued to Oramed pursuant to the Scilex-Oramed SPA is \$0.01 per share, subject to adjustment as provided therein. The exercise price and number of shares of Common Stock issuable upon the exercise of the Penny Warrants will be subject to adjustment in the event of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization, reorganization or similar transaction, as described in the Penny Warrants; provided that there shall not be any adjustment to the exercise price of the Penny Warrants in the event we combine (by combination, reverse stock split or otherwise) our Common Stock into a smaller number of shares. Oramed may exercise the Penny Warrants by means of a "cashless exercise." The Closing Penny Warrant and the Subsequent Penny Warrants utilize the same form of warrant.

The Penny Warrants may not be exercised if Oramed, together with its affiliates, would beneficially own in excess of 9.9% of the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately after giving effect to such exercise (the "Oramed Beneficial Ownership Limitation"); provided, however, that upon 61 days' prior notice to us, Oramed may increase or decrease the Oramed Beneficial Ownership Limitation.

The foregoing summary of the terms and conditions of the Penny Warrants does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the copy of the form of Penny Warrants that is attached as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part.

## **Bought Deal Warrants**

Pursuant to the underwriting agreement, dated as of February 29, 2024, we entered into with Rodman & Renshaw LLC and StockBlock Securities LLC, as the representatives (the "Representatives") of the underwriters named in Schedule A thereto, we issued and sold, in an underwritten offering (the "Bought Deal Offering"), 5,882,353 shares (the "Bought Deal Shares") of Common Stock and accompanying common warrants to purchase up to an aggregate of 5,882,353 shares of Common Stock (the "Bought Deal Common Warrants").

Subject to certain ownership limitations, the Bought Deal Common Warrants are exercisable immediately from the date of issuance, will expire on the five-year anniversary of the date of issuance and have an exercise price of \$1.70 per share. The exercise price of the Bought Deal Common Warrants is subject to certain adjustments, including (but not limited to) for stock dividends, stock splits, combinations and reclassifications of the Common Stock.

A holder (together with its affiliates) may not exercise any portion of the Bought Deal Common Warrants to the extent that the holder would own more than 4.99% of the outstanding Common Stock immediately after exercise (the "Bought Deal Beneficial Ownership Limitation"). However, upon at least 61 days' prior notice from the holder to us, a holder may increase or decrease the Bought Deal Beneficial Ownership Limitation in accordance with the terms of the Bought Deal Common Warrants, provided that it does not exceed 9.99%.

In connection with the Bought Deal Offering, we also issued to the Representatives the representatives warrants (the "Bought Deal Representative Warrants" and together with the Bought Deal Common Warrants, the "Bought Deal Warrants") to purchase up to an aggregate of 470,588 shares of Common Stock (which represents 8.0% of the aggregate number of Bought Deal Shares sold in the Bought Deal Offering). The Bought Deal Representative Warrants are immediately exercisable and have the same terms as the Bought Deal Common Warrants described above, except that the exercise price of the Bought Deal Representative Warrants is \$2.125 per share, which represents 125% of the combined public offering price per Bought Deal Share and accompanying Bought Deal Common Warrant.

The foregoing summary of the terms and conditions of the Bought Deal Warrants does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the copy of the form of Bought Deal Common Warrants and the form of Bought Deal Representative Warrant that are attached as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part.

## **Registered Direct Warrants**

Pursuant to the securities purchase agreement, dated as of April 23, 2024, we entered into with the investor named therein, we issued and sold, in a registered direct offering (the "Registered Direct Offering"), an aggregate of 15,000,000 shares of Common Stock (the "RDO Shares") and common warrants to purchase up to 15,000,000 shares of Common Stock (the "RDO Common Warrants" and, together with the Placement Agent Warrants (defined below), the "Warrants").

Subject to certain ownership limitations, the RDO Common Warrants are exercisable on the six month anniversary from the date of issuance, will expire on the five-year anniversary of the date of issuance and have an exercise price of \$1.10 per share. The exercise price of the RDO Common Warrants is subject to certain adjustments, including stock dividends, stock splits, combinations and reclassifications of the Common Stock.

A holder (together with its affiliates) may not exercise any portion of the RDO Common Warrants to the extent that the holder would own more than 4.99% (or, at the purchaser's option upon issuance, 9.99%) of the outstanding Common Stock immediately after exercise (the "RDO Beneficial Ownership Limitation"). However, upon at least 61 days' prior notice from the holder to us, a holder may increase or decrease the RDO Beneficial Ownership Limitation in accordance with the terms of the RDO Common Warrant, provided that it does not exceed 9.99%.

In connection with the Registered Direct Offering, we also issued to StockBlock Securities LLC common warrants to purchase up to 1,200,000 shares of Common Stock (the "RDO Placement Agent Warrants" and together with the RDO Common Warrants, the "RDO Warrants"). The RDO Placement Agent Warrants have an exercise price of \$1.25 per share, will become exercisable on the six month anniversary of the date of issuance and expire five years from the commencement of sales in the RDO Offering.

The foregoing summary of the terms and conditions of the RDO Warrants does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the copy of the form of RDO Common Warrants and the form of RDO Placement Agent Warrant that are attached as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part.

# **Financing Warrants**

In connection with the Commitment Letter, the Letter Agreement, and the transactions contemplated thereby, we issued to the Selling Securityholders the Financing Warrants to purchase up to an aggregate of 3,500,000 shares of Common Stock (subject to adjustment for any stock dividend, stock split, reverse stock split or similar transaction).

The Financing Warrants are immediately exercisable and will expire on the fifth anniversary of the date of issuance. The exercise price of Financing Warrants is \$1.20 per share, subject to adjustment as provided therein. The exercise price and number of shares of Common Stock issuable upon the exercise of the Financing Warrants will be subject to adjustment in the event of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or similar transaction, as described in the Financing Warrants; provided that there shall not be any adjustment to the exercise price of the Financing Warrants in the event we combine (by combination, reverse stock split or otherwise) the Common Stock into a smaller number of shares.

The foregoing summary of the terms and conditions of the Financing Warrants does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the copy of the Deposit Warrant and the Fee Warrant that are attached as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part.

## Transfer Agent and Registrar

The transfer agent and registrar for our Common Stock is Continental. The transfer agent's address is 1 State Street, 30th Floor, New York, New York 10004.

# Listing

Shares of our Common Stock and Public Warrants are listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbols "SCLX" and "SCLXW", respectively.

#### LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the securities being offered by this prospectus has been passed upon for us by Paul Hastings LLP, Palo Alto, California.

## **EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements of Scilex Holding Company appearing in Scilex Holding Company's Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2023, have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their report thereon (which contains an explanatory paragraph describing conditions that raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern as described in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements) included therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such financial statements are, and audited financial statements to be included in subsequently filed documents will be, incorporated herein in reliance upon the report of Ernst & Young LLP pertaining to such financial statements (to the extent covered by consents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission) given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

#### WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We have filed a registration statement on Form S-3, including exhibits, under the Securities Act, with respect to the securities offered by this prospectus. This prospectus does not contain all of the information included in or incorporated by reference in the registration statement, of which this prospectus is a part. For further information pertaining to us and our securities, you should refer to the registration statement of which this prospects is a part and the exhibits to such registration statement. The descriptions in this prospectus of the provisions of documents filed as exhibits to this prospectus or documents filed as exhibits to the reports or other documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus are only summaries of those documents' material terms. You can read copies of such documents, along with copies of reports, proxy statements and other information filed by us with the SEC at the SEC's website at <a href="http://www.sec.gov">http://www.sec.gov</a>.

We also maintain a website at www.scilexholding.com. Through our website, we make available, free of charge, annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information as soon as reasonably practicable after they are electronically filed with, or furnished to, the SEC. The information contained on, or that may be accessed through, our website is not part of, and is not incorporated into, this prospectus or any prospectus supplement and the inclusion of our website address in this prospectus is an inactive textual reference only.

#### INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" information and reports we file with it into this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to another document filed separately with the SEC. The documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus contain important information that you should read about us, and information we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. We are incorporating by reference the documents listed below as of their respective dates of filing, which we have already filed with the SEC. Any report or information within any of the documents referred to below that is furnished, but not filed, shall not be incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

- (a) Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, filed with the SEC on March 12, 2024;
- (b) Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the first quarter ended March 31, 2024, filed with the SEC on May 13, 2024;
- (c) Our Current Reports on Form 8-K (other than any portions thereof furnished under Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K and any exhibits accompanying such reports that relate to such items) filed with the SEC on February 16, 2024, February 20, 2024, February 27, 2024, February 29, 2024, March 5, 2024, March 22, 2024, March 25, 2024, March 27, 2024, April 5, 2024, April 25, 2024 and June 12, 2024; and
- (d) The description of our Common Stock set forth in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A (File No. 001-39852), filed with the SEC on January 6, 2021, including any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description, including Exhibit 4.7 to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023 filed with the SEC on March 12, 2024.

We also incorporate by reference any future filings (other than current reports furnished under Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K and exhibits filed on such form that are related to such items unless such Form 8-K expressly provides to the contrary) made with the SEC pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, including those made after the date of the initial filing of the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part, until we file a post-effective amendment that indicates the termination of the offering of the securities made by this prospectus and such future filings will become a part of this prospectus from the respective dates that such documents are filed with the SEC. Any statement contained herein or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes hereof or of the related prospectus supplement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which is also incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus.

You may obtain any of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus from the SEC through the SEC's website at the address provided above. Documents incorporated by reference are available from us, without charge. You may obtain documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus by requesting them in writing or by telephone at the following address:

Scilex Holding Company Attn: Investor Relations 960 San Antonio Road Palo Alto, CA 94303 investorrelations@scilexholdings.com Phone: (650) 516-4310

# **SCILEX HOLDING COMPANY**

3,500,000 Shares of Common Stock

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