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Common Stock

We have entered into an At Market Issuance Sales Agreement, or the sales agreement, with B. Riley FBR, Inc., and Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. (the "Sales Agents") acting as our distribution agents, dated May 7, 2018, relating to the sale of our common stock offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. In accordance with the terms of the sales agreement, we may offer and sell shares of our common stock, \$0.0001 par value per share, under this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus having an aggregate offering price of up to \$50,000,000 from time to time through the Sales Agents. Each share of common stock offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is accompanied by one Series A preferred stock purchase right that trades with our common stock.

Our common stock is listed on The NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "KIN." On May 4, 2018, the last reported sale price of our common stock on The NASDAQ Capital Market was \$9.70 per share.

Sales of our common stock, if any, under this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus may be made in sales deemed to be an "at the market offering" as defined in Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act. The Sales Agents are not required to sell any specific number or dollar amount of shares of common stock, but will act as our distribution agents using commercially reasonable efforts consistent with their normal trading and sales practices. There is no arrangement for funds to be received in any escrow, trust or similar arrangement.

The Sales Agents are entitled to compensation at a commission rate of up to 3.0% of the gross proceeds of any shares of common stock sold under the sales agreement. See "Plan of Distribution" on page S-9 for additional information regarding the compensation to be paid to the Sales Agents. In connection with the sale of the common stock on our behalf, the Sales Agents will be deemed to be "underwriters" within the meaning of the Securities Act and Sales Agents' compensation will be deemed to be underwriting commissions or discounts. We have agreed to provide indemnification and contribution to Sales Agents with respect to certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. Before investing in our common stock, please read the "Risk Factors" section on page S-6 of this prospectus supplement and the corresponding sections in the accompanying prospectus and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, as well as our subsequent filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC, under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, which are incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement.

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

B. Riley FBR  
Oppenheimer & Co.

The date of this prospectus supplement is May 7, 2018.

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## ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus relate to the offering of our common stock. Each share of common stock offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is accompanied by one Series A preferred stock purchase right that trades with our common stock. Before purchasing any of the common stock that we are offering, you should carefully read this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, together with the information incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus as described under the headings “Where You Can Find More Information” and “Incorporation of Certain Information by Reference” on page S-10. These documents contain important information that you should consider when making your investment decision.

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus form part of a registration statement on Form S-3 that we filed with the SEC using a “shelf” registration process. This document contains two parts. The first part consists of this prospectus supplement, which provides you with specific information about this offering. The second part, the accompanying prospectus, provides more general information, some of which may not apply to this offering. Generally, when we refer only to the “prospectus,” we are referring to both parts combined.

This prospectus supplement may add, update, or change information contained in the accompanying prospectus. To the extent that any statement we make in this prospectus supplement is inconsistent with statements made in the accompanying prospectus or any documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, the statements made in this prospectus supplement will be deemed to modify or supersede those made in the accompanying prospectus and such documents incorporated by reference herein and therein. If any statement in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is inconsistent with a statement in another document having a later date, for example, a document incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement, the statement in the document having the later date will be deemed to modify or supersede the earlier statement.

Unless the context otherwise requires, the terms “KindredBio,” “the Company,” “our company,” “we,” “us,” and “our” refer to Kindred Biosciences, Inc., a Delaware corporation, including, where appropriate, our wholly owned subsidiary, KindredBio Equine, Inc. When we refer to “you,” we mean the purchaser or potential purchaser of the shares of common stock offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus.

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any free writing prospectus that we may authorize for use in connection with this offering. We have not, and the Sales Agents have not, authorized anyone to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. Neither we nor the Sales Agents are offering to sell, or seeking offers to buy, our common stock in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. The distribution of this prospectus supplement and the offering of our common stock in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons outside the United States who come into possession of this prospectus supplement must inform themselves about, and observe any restrictions relating to, the offering of our common stock and the distribution of this prospectus supplement outside the United States. This prospectus supplement does not constitute, and may not be used in connection with, an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, any common stock offered by this prospectus supplement by any person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for such person to make such an offer or solicitation.

You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and any free writing prospectus that we may authorize for use in connection with this offering is accurate only as of the date of those respective documents. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

This prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus contain summaries of certain provisions contained in some of the documents described herein and therein, 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 such documents have been or will be filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are a part or as exhibits to documents incorporated by reference herein or therein, and you may obtain copies of those documents as described below under the headings “Where You Can Find More Information” and “Incorporation of Certain Information by Reference” on page S-10. We further note that the representations, warranties and covenants made by us in any agreement that is filed as an exhibit to any document that is incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus were made solely for the benefit of the parties to such agreement, including, in some cases, for the purpose of allocating risk among the parties to the agreement, and should not be deemed to be a representation, warranty or covenant to you.

Unless otherwise indicated, information contained in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and any free writing prospectus that we may authorize for use in connection with this offering concerning our industry and the markets in which we operate, including our general expectations and market opportunity, is based on information from our own management estimates and research, as well as from industry and general publications and research, surveys and studies conducted by third parties. Management estimates are derived from publicly available information, our knowledge of our industry and assumptions based on such information and knowledge. We believe such estimates to be reasonable, but we have not independently verified the accuracy of information obtained from third parties. In addition, assumptions and estimates of our and our industry’s future performance are necessarily subject to a high degree of uncertainty and risk due to a variety of factors, including those described in “Risk Factors” in this prospectus supplement on page S-6, in the accompanying prospectus and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 which is incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. These and other important factors could cause our future performance to differ materially from our assumptions and estimates. See “Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements” below.

Kindred Biosciences, Kindred Bio and “Best Medicines for Our Best Friends” are three of our trademarks that are used in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus. This prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference also include trademarks, tradenames and service marks that are the property of other organizations. Solely for convenience, trademarks and tradenames referred to in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference sometimes appear without the ® and ™ symbols, but those references are not intended to indicate, in any way, that we will not assert, to the fullest extent under applicable law, our rights, or that the applicable owner will not assert its rights, to these trademarks and tradenames.

#### **SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus, the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and any free writing prospectus that we may authorize for use in connection with this offering contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, that address activities, events or developments that we believe or anticipate will or may occur in the future are forward-looking statements, including, statements about our plans, objectives, strategies and prospects regarding, among other things, our financial condition, operating results and business.

We have identified some of these forward-looking statements with words such as “believe,” “may,” “will,” “should,” “could,” “expect,” “intend,” “plan,” “predict,” “anticipate,” “estimate,” “continue” or other words and terms of similar meaning and the future dates. These forward-looking statements are based on current expectations about future events affecting us and are subject to uncertainties and factors relating to our operations and business environment, all of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond our control and could cause our actual results to differ materially from those matters expressed or implied by our forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are only predictions or statements of current plans and can be affected by inaccurate assumptions we might make or by known or unknown risks and uncertainties, including the risks



described under the “Risk Factors” sections that are contained in this prospectus supplement on page S-6, in the accompanying prospectus and in our filings with the SEC that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including, without limitation, the “Risk Factors” sections of our most recently filed Annual Report on Form 10-K and Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Such risks and uncertainties are not exclusive and further information concerning us and our business, including factors that potentially could materially affect our financial results or condition, may emerge from time to time.

These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the following:

- our limited operating history and expectations of losses for the foreseeable future;
- the absence of significant revenue from our product candidates for the foreseeable future;
- our potential inability to obtain any necessary additional financing;
- our substantial dependence on the success of our lead product candidates, which may not be successfully commercialized even if they are approved for marketing;
- the effect of competition;
- our potential inability to obtain regulatory approval for our existing or future product candidates;
- our dependence on third parties to conduct some of our development activities;
- our dependence upon third-party manufacturers for supplies of our product candidates;
- uncertainties regarding the outcomes of trials pertaining to our product candidates;
- our potential failure to attract and retain senior management and key scientific personnel;
- uncertainty about our ability to develop a satisfactory sales organization;
- our significant costs of operating as a public company;
- our potential inability to obtain patent protection and other intellectual property protection for our product candidates;
- potential claims by third parties alleging our infringement of their patents and other intellectual property rights;
- our potential failure to comply with regulatory requirements, which are subject to change on an ongoing basis;
- the potential volatility of our stock price; and
- the significant control over our business by our principal stockholders and management.

Each forward-looking statement is based on information available to us as of the date of the document in which the forward-looking statement is contained. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as otherwise required by law.

All forward-looking statements that are made by us in this prospectus supplement, in the accompanying prospectus, in the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and in any free writing prospectus that we may authorize for use in connection with this offering are qualified by these cautionary statements.

## PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT SUMMARY

The following summary highlights selected information about us, this offering and information contained elsewhere in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. This summary does not contain all of the information that may be important to you. Before purchasing any of the common stock that we are offering, you should carefully read in their entirety this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and any free writing prospectus that we may authorize for use in this offering. In particular, you should carefully review the “Risk Factors” sections that are contained in this prospectus supplement on page S-6, in the accompanying prospectus and in our filings with the SEC that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including, without limitation, the “Risk Factors” sections of our most recently filed Annual Report on Form 10-K and Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

### Our Company

We are a pre-commercialization biopharmaceutical company focused on saving and improving the lives of pets. Our mission is to bring to our pets the same kinds of safe and effective medicines that our human family members enjoy. Our core strategy is to identify compounds and targets that have already demonstrated safety and efficacy in humans and to develop therapeutics based on these validated compounds and targets for pets, primarily dogs, cats and horses. We believe this approach will lead to shorter development times and higher approval rates than pursuing new, non-validated compounds and targets. Our first product, Mirataz™ (mirtazapine transdermal ointment), for the management of weight loss in cats was recently approved by the Food and Drug Administration, or FDA. We have also submitted all major technical sections of the New Animal Drug Application, or NADA, to the FDA for our intravenous, or IV, form of Zimeta™ (dipyron injection) product candidate for the control of pyrexia (fever) in horses. In addition, we have multiple other product candidates, including several biologics, in various stages of development, with the potential to launch one or more products annually. We believe there are significant unmet medical needs for pets, and that the pet therapeutics segment of the animal health industry is likely to grow substantially as new therapeutics are identified, developed and marketed specifically for pets.

### Recent Developments

On April 24, 2018, we issued a press release announcing we received a response from the FDA for the Chemistry, Manufacturing, and Controls technical section for Zimeta IV for the control of fever in horses. The FDA has no additional questions or requests for us regarding this submission. The FDA stated that the approval is pending the pre-approval inspection, or PAI, at the contract manufacturer of Zimeta IV scheduled for July 2018, and an acceptable resolution by the contract manufacturer of the active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) dipyron of findings identified during an inspection conducted this month. We believe that the findings at the API manufacturer are minor and addressable.

On May 4, 2018, the FDA approved Mirataz for the management of weight loss in cats. We expect the product to be commercially available to veterinarians by the third quarter of 2018.

### Corporate Information

We were incorporated on September 25, 2012. Our principal executive offices are located at 1555 Bayshore Highway, Suite 200, Burlingame, California 94010, and our telephone number is (650) 701-7901. Our website address is [www.kindredbio.com](http://www.kindredbio.com). The information contained on, or accessible through, our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, and you should not consider it to be a part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. Our website address is included as an inactive textual reference only.

The Offering

Issuer Kindred Biosciences, Inc.

Securities Offered Shares of our common stock having an aggregate offering price of up to \$50,000,000.

Manner of Offering “At the market offering” that may be made from time to time by our distribution agents, B. Riley FBR, Inc. and Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. See “Plan of Distribution” on page S-9 of this prospectus supplement.

Use of Proceeds We intend to use the net proceeds of this offering for the development of our therapeutic candidates, the expansion of our commercial infrastructure in anticipation of future product approvals and launches and for other general corporate and working capital purposes. See “Use of Proceeds” on page S-7 of this prospectus supplement.

Risk Factors Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. Before investing in our common stock, please read the “Risk Factors” section on page S-6 of this prospectus supplement and the corresponding sections in the accompanying prospectus and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, as well as our subsequent filings with the SEC, which are incorporated herein by reference.

NASDAQ Symbol “KIN.”



## RISK FACTORS

An investment in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. Before purchasing any of the common stock that we are offering, you should carefully read in their entirety this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and any free writing prospectus that we may authorize for use in this offering. In particular, you should carefully review the risks described below and in the “Risk Factors” sections that are contained in the accompanying prospectus and in our filings with the SEC that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including, without limitation, the “Risk Factors” sections of our most recently filed Annual Report on Form 10-K and Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and in any free writing prospectus that we have authorized for use in connection with this offering. If any of these risks actually occurs, our business, financial condition, results of operations, or cash flow could be materially and adversely affected. This could cause the market price of our common stock to decline, resulting in a loss of all or part of your investment.

### Risks Related to This Offering

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

We intend to use the net proceeds of this offering for the development of our therapeutic candidates, the expansion of our commercial infrastructure in anticipation of future product approvals and launches and for other general corporate and working capital purposes. We may also use a portion of the net proceeds of this offering to acquire other products or businesses, although we are not currently a party to an agreement regarding any such acquisition. However, our management will have broad discretion in the application of the net proceeds from this offering and will have the right to use the net proceeds for purposes that differ substantially from our current plans. Management may spend the net proceeds in ways that do not improve our results of operations or enhance the value of our common stock. The failure by management to apply these funds effectively could result in financial losses that could have a material and adverse effect on our business and cause the price of our common stock to decline.

If you purchase shares of our common stock sold in this offering, you will experience immediate and substantial dilution in the net tangible book value of your shares.

The price per share of our common stock being offered may be higher than the net tangible book value per share of our outstanding common stock prior to this offering. Assuming that an aggregate of 5,154,639 shares of our common stock are sold at a price of \$9.70 per share, the last reported sale price of our common stock on The NASDAQ Capital Market on May 4, 2018, for aggregate gross proceeds of approximately \$50,000,000, and after deducting commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us, new investors in this offering will incur immediate dilution of \$5.70 per share, representing the difference between the assumed offering price and our as adjusted net tangible book value as of December 31, 2017. For a more detailed discussion of the foregoing, see the section entitled “Dilution” on page S-8. To the extent outstanding stock options are exercised, there may be further dilution to new investors.

You may experience future dilution as a result of future equity offerings.

In order to raise additional capital, we may in the future offer additional shares of our common stock or other securities convertible into or exchangeable for our common stock at prices that may not be the same as the price per share in this offering. The price per share at which we sell additional shares of our common stock, or securities convertible or exchangeable into common stock, in future transactions may be lower than the price per share paid by investors in this offering.

A substantial number of shares of common stock may be sold in the market following this offering, which may depress the market price for our common stock.

Sales of a substantial number of shares of our common stock in the public market following this offering could cause the market price of our common stock to decline. A substantial majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock are, and the shares of common stock sold in this offering upon issuance will be, freely tradable without restriction or further registration under the Securities Act.

## USE OF PROCEEDS

We may issue and sell shares of our common stock having aggregate gross proceeds of up to \$50,000,000 from time to time. Because there is no minimum offering amount required as a condition to close this offering, the actual total public offering amount, commissions paid to the Sales Agents and proceeds to us, if any, are not determinable at this time. We estimate that the net proceeds from the sale of the shares of common stock that we are offering may be up to approximately \$48,630,000, after deducting commissions payable to the Sales Agents and estimated offering expenses payable by us.

We intend to use the net proceeds of this offering for the development of our therapeutic candidates, the expansion of our commercial infrastructure in anticipation of future product approvals and launches and for other general corporate and working capital purposes. We may also use a portion of the net proceeds of this offering to acquire other products or businesses, although we are not currently a party to an agreement regarding any such acquisition.

We have not determined the amounts we plan to spend in any of the areas identified above or the timing of these expenditures. As a result, our management will have broad discretion to allocate the net proceeds to us from this offering, and investors will be relying on the judgment of our management regarding the application of the proceeds from this offering. We reserve the right to change the use of these proceeds as a result of certain contingencies such as competitive developments, the results of our commercialization efforts, acquisition and investment opportunities and other factors. Pending use of the proceeds as described above, we intend to invest the net proceeds of this offering in short-term, interest-bearing, investment-grade securities or certificates of deposit.

## PRICE RANGE OF OUR COMMON STOCK

Since December 12, 2013, our common stock has been traded on The NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "KIN." Prior to December 12, 2013, there was no public trading market for our common stock. The following table sets forth the high and low sale prices for our common stock for the periods indicated as reported on The NASDAQ Capital Market.

	High	Low
Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2018		
First Quarter	\$9.50	\$7.55
Second Quarter (through May 4, 2018)	\$9.90	\$8.10
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2017		
First Quarter	\$7.45	\$4.35
Second Quarter	\$9.65	\$6.50
Third Quarter	\$8.95	\$6.55
Fourth Quarter	\$9.80	\$6.80
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016		
First Quarter	\$4.13	\$2.90
Second Quarter	\$4.29	\$3.12
Third Quarter	\$5.43	\$3.53
Fourth Quarter	\$5.65	\$3.90

On May 4, 2018, the last reported sale price of our common stock on The NASDAQ Capital Market was \$9.70. As of May 4, 2018, there were 28,203,060 shares of our common stock outstanding held by approximately 23 holders of record. The actual number of stockholders is greater than this number of record holders and includes stockholders who are beneficial owners but whose shares are held in street name by brokers and other nominees.

**DIVIDEND POLICY**

We have never declared or paid any cash dividends on our common stock. We intend to retain any future earnings and do not expect to pay any dividends in the foreseeable future. Any future determination to declare cash dividends will be made at the discretion of our board of directors, subject to applicable laws, and will depend on a number of factors, including our financial condition, results of operations, capital requirements, contractual restrictions, general business conditions and other factors that our board of directors may deem relevant.

**DILUTION**

If you invest in our common stock in this offering, your ownership interest will be immediately diluted to the extent of the difference between the public offering price per share and the as adjusted net tangible book value per share of our common stock after this offering.

As of December 31, 2017, we had a net tangible book value of \$84,680,000, or \$3.00 per share of common stock. Our net tangible book value per share represents total tangible assets less total liabilities, divided by the number of shares of common stock outstanding at December 31, 2017.

After giving effect to the issuance and sale by us of our common stock in the aggregate amount of \$50,000,000 at an assumed public offering price of \$9.70 per share, the last reported sale price of our common stock on The NASDAQ Capital Market on May 4, 2018, and after deducting commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us, our as adjusted net tangible book value as of December 31, 2017 would have been approximately \$133,310,000, or approximately \$4.00 per share. This amount represents an immediate increase in net tangible book value of approximately \$1.00 per share to our existing stockholders and an immediate dilution in as adjusted net tangible book value of approximately \$5.70 per share to new investors in this offering.

The following table illustrates this calculation on a per share basis. The as adjusted information is illustrative only and will adjust based on the actual public offering price, the actual number of shares sold and other terms of the offering determined at the time shares of our common stock are sold pursuant to this prospectus supplement. The as adjusted information assumes that all of our common stock in the aggregate amount of \$50,000,000 is sold at the assumed public offering price of \$9.70 per share. The shares sold in this offering, if any, will be sold from time to time at various prices.

Assumed public offering price per share	\$9.70
Net tangible book value per share as of December 31, 2017	\$3.00
Increase in net tangible book value per share attributable to this offering	\$1.00
As adjusted net tangible book value per share after this offering	\$4.00
Dilution per share to new investors participating in this offering	\$5.70

The above discussion and table are based on 28,182,563 shares of our common stock outstanding as of December 31, 2017 and do not give effect to the exercise of any outstanding stock options. To the extent that stock options are exercised or to the extent that other stock awards are made under our employee stock plans, there may be further dilution to new investors. As of December 31, 2017, there were 4,573,625 shares of our common stock issuable upon the exercise of stock options at a weighted average exercise price of \$6.57 per share.

## PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We have entered into a sales agreement with the Sales Agents, B. Riley FBR, Inc. and Oppenheimer & Co. Inc., under which we may offer and sell shares of our common stock from time to time through the Sales Agents, acting as our agents. Sales of shares of our common stock, if any, under this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus may be made in negotiated transactions or transactions that are deemed to be “at the market offerings” as defined in Rule 415 under the Securities Act.

The Sales Agents will offer our common stock subject to the terms and conditions of the sales agreement as agreed upon by us and the Sales Agents. We will designate the number of shares which we desire to sell, the time period during which sales are requested to be made, any limitation on the number of shares that may be sold in one day and any minimum price below which sales may not be made. Subject to the terms and conditions of the sales agreement, the Sales Agents will use their commercially reasonable efforts to sell on our behalf all of the shares of common stock requested to be sold by us. The Sales Agents or we may suspend the offering of our common stock being made through the Sales Agents under the sales agreement upon proper notice to the other party.

Under the terms of the sales agreement, we may also sell our common stock to the Sales Agents, as principal for their own account, at a price negotiated at the time of sale. If we sell shares in this manner, we will enter into a separate agreement setting forth the terms of such transaction, and we will describe the agreement in a separate prospectus supplement or pricing supplement.

The Sales Agents will receive commissions for its services in acting as agents in the sale of our common stock at a rate of up to 3.0% of the gross proceeds of any shares of common stock sold under the sales agreement. We estimate that the total expenses for this offering, excluding commissions payable to the Sales Agents under the sales agreement, will be approximately \$95,000. We have agreed to reimburse the Sales Agents for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses, including attorneys’ fees, in an amount not to exceed \$25,000, which amount is included in the estimated total expenses for this offering.

Settlement for sales of common stock will occur on the second business day following the date on which any sales are made, or on another date that is agreed upon by us and the Sales Agents in connection with a particular transaction, in return for payment of the net proceeds to us. There is no arrangement for funds to be received in an escrow, trust or similar arrangement.

In connection with the sale of the common stock on our behalf, the Sales Agents will be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act, and the Sales Agents’ compensation will be deemed to be underwriting commissions or discounts. We have agreed to provide indemnification and contribution to the Sales Agents against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

This offering will terminate upon the earlier of (1) the issuance and sale of all shares of our common stock covered by this prospectus supplement and (2) the termination of the sales agreement as permitted therein.

The Sales Agents and their affiliates may in the future provide various investment banking and other financial services for us and our affiliates, for which services they may in the future receive customary fees. To the extent required by Regulation M, the Sales Agents will not engage in any market making activities involving our common stock while the offering is ongoing under this prospectus supplement.

This summary of the material provisions of the sales agreement does not purport to be a complete statement of its terms and conditions. A copy of the sales agreement has been filed with the SEC on a Current Report on Form 8-K.

## LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the shares of common stock offered by this prospectus supplement has been passed upon for us by TroyGould PC, Los Angeles, California. As of the date of this prospectus supplement, certain attorneys who are employed by TroyGould PC beneficially owned, in the aggregate, less than one percent of the outstanding shares of our common stock. Duane Morris LLP is counsel for the Sales Agents in connection with this offering.

## EXPERTS

The financial statements of Kindred Biosciences, Inc. as of December 31, 2017 and 2016, and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2017, that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement, have been so incorporated in reliance upon the report of KMJ Corbin & Company LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, given upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

## WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Information filed with the SEC by us can be inspected and copied at the Public Reference Room maintained by the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may also obtain copies of this information by mail from the Public Reference Section of the SEC at prescribed rates. Further information on the operation of the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. can be obtained by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC also maintains a website that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information about issuers, such as us, who file electronically with the SEC. The address of that website is <http://www.sec.gov>.

Our website address is [www.kindredbio.com](http://www.kindredbio.com). The information contained on, or accessible through, our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, and you should not consider it to be a part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are part of a registration statement on Form S-3 that we filed with the SEC and do not contain all of the information in the registration statement. The full registration statement may be obtained from the SEC or us, as provided below. Other documents establishing the terms of the offered common stock are or may be filed as exhibits to the registration statement. Statements in this prospectus supplement or in the accompanying prospectus about these documents are summaries, and each statement is qualified in all respects by reference to the document to which it refers. You should refer to the actual documents for a more complete description of the relevant matters. You may inspect a copy of the registration statement at the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. or through the SEC's website, as provided above.

## INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE

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

We incorporate by reference the following documents or information previously filed by us with the SEC:

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017, filed with the SEC on March 1, 2018;  
Our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 26, 2018, April 4, 2018, April 26, 2018, and May 7, 2018, respectively;

Our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, filed with the SEC on April 25, 2018;

The description of our common stock, which is registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act, in our registration statement on Form 8-A, filed with the SEC on December 6, 2013, and any amendment or report subsequently filed for the purpose of updating such description; and

The description of our Series A preferred stock purchase rights contained in our registration statement on Form 8-A, filed with the SEC on May 24, 2017, and any amendment or report subsequently filed for the purpose of updating such description.

We also incorporate by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus all reports and other documents that we subsequently file with the SEC pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act between the date of this prospectus supplement and the termination of the offering of the common stock described in this prospectus supplement. We are not, however, incorporating by reference any documents or portions thereof, whether specifically listed above or filed in the future, that are not deemed “filed” with the SEC, including any information furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 or 7.01 of Form 8-K or related exhibits furnished pursuant to Item 9.01 of Form 8-K. The reports and documents specifically listed above or filed in the future (excluding any information furnished to, rather than filed with, the SEC) are deemed to be part of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus from the date of the filing of each such report or document.

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

Kindred Biosciences, Inc.

1555 Bayshore Highway, Suite 200

Burlingame, California 94010

(650) 701-7901

Attention: Chief Financial Officer

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

PROSPECTUS

KindredBio

"Best Medicines for Our Best Friends"

KINDRED BIOSCIENCES, INC.

\$150,000,000

Common Stock

Preferred Stock

Depositary Shares

Debt Securities

Warrants

Units

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From time to time and in one or more offerings, we may sell up to \$150,000,000 in the aggregate of any or all of the securities identified above, either individually or in any combination. We will provide the specific terms of each offering, including the price and the type and amount of securities offered, in a supplement to this prospectus. We may also authorize one or more free writing prospectuses to be provided to you in connection with these offerings. The prospectus supplement and any related free writing prospectus may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should carefully read this prospectus, the applicable prospectus supplement and any related free writing prospectus, as well as any documents incorporated by reference, before buying any of the securities being offered.

We may offer and sell the securities described in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement to or through one or more underwriters, dealers and agents, or directly to purchasers, or through a combination of these methods. If any underwriters, dealers or agents are involved in the sale of any of the securities, we will include their names and the fees, commissions and discounts that they will receive, as well as the net proceeds to us, in the applicable prospectus supplement. See the sections of this prospectus entitled "About this Prospectus" and "Plan of Distribution" for more information. No securities may be sold without delivery of this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement.

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Investing in our securities involves significant risks. See the "Risk Factors" on page 4 of this prospectus and in any similar section contained in the applicable prospectus supplement concerning factors you should consider before investing in our securities.

Our common stock is listed on The NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol "KIN." On January 30, 2018, the last reported sale price of our common stock on The NASDAQ Capital Market was \$8.85 per share.

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

The date of this prospectus is February 7, 2018.

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## ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement on Form S-3 that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) utilizing a “shelf” registration process. Under this shelf registration statement, we may, from time to time, sell any or all of the securities identified on the cover page of this prospectus, either individually or in any combination, and in one or more offerings, for total gross proceeds of up to \$150,000,000. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer.

Each time we offer a type or series of securities under this prospectus, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain more specific information about the terms of the offered securities. We also may authorize one or more free writing prospectuses to be provided to you that may contain material information relating to these offerings. We also may add, update or change, in the prospectus supplement and in any related free writing prospectus that we may authorize to be provided to you, any of the information contained in this prospectus or in the documents that we have incorporated by reference into this prospectus. We urge you to read carefully this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement and any related free writing prospectus, together with the information incorporated herein by reference as described under the section entitled “Where You Can Find More Information; Incorporation by Reference” in this prospectus before buying any of the securities being offered. **THIS PROSPECTUS MAY NOT BE USED TO CONSUMMATE A SALE OF SECURITIES UNLESS IT IS ACCOMPANIED BY A PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT.**

You should rely only on the information that we have provided or incorporated by reference into this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement and any related free writing prospectus that we may authorize to be provided to you. We have not authorized any other person to provide you with different information. No dealer, salesperson or other person is authorized to give any information or to represent anything not contained in this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement or any related free writing prospectus that we may authorize to be provided to you. You must not rely on any unauthorized information or representation. This prospectus, any applicable supplement to this prospectus or any related free writing prospectus do not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities other than the registered securities to which they relate, nor do this prospectus, any applicable supplement to this prospectus or any related free writing prospectus constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy securities in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction.

You should assume that the information appearing 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 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, any applicable prospectus supplement or any related free writing prospectus, or any sale of a security. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

When we refer to “KindredBio,” “we,” “our,” “us” or the “company” in this prospectus, we mean Kindred

Biosciences, Inc., unless otherwise specified.

#### WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION; INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

##### Available Information

We file reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Information filed with the SEC by us can be inspected and copied at the Public Reference Room maintained by the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may also obtain copies of this information by mail from the Public Reference Section of the SEC at prescribed rates. Further information on the operation of the SEC's Public Reference Room in Washington, D.C. can be obtained by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC also maintains a web site that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information about issuers, such as us, who file electronically with the SEC. The address of that website is <http://www.sec.gov>.

Our website address is [www.kindredbio.com](http://www.kindredbio.com). The information on our website, however, is not, and should not be deemed to be, part of this prospectus.

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

##### Incorporation by Reference

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We incorporate by reference into this prospectus the documents listed in the following paragraph that we have filed with the SEC pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). We are not, however, incorporating by reference any documents or portions thereof, whether specifically listed below or filed in the future, that are not deemed "filed" with the SEC, including, without limitation, our Compensation

Committee report and performance graph and any information furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 or 7.01 of Form 8-K or related exhibits furnished pursuant to Item 9.01 of Form 8-K.

This prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement incorporate by reference the documents set forth below that have previously been filed by us with the SEC:

• Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016, filed with the SEC on March 1, 2017, as amended by Amendment No. 1 on Form 10-K/A filed with the SEC on April 27, 2017;

• Our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarters ended March 31, 2017, June 30, 2017 and September 30, 2017, filed with the SEC on May 3, 2017, August 7, 2017 and November 7, 2017, respectively;

• Our Current Reports on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on May 24, 2017, June 26, 2017, July 12, 2017, July 28, 2017, August 14, 2017, September 11, 2017, November 7, 2017 and January 26, 2018 respectively; provided, however, that we are incorporating by reference our Current Report on Form

8-K filed with the SEC on November 7, 2017 relating to Item 1.01 of Form 8-K, but we are not incorporating by reference our other Current Report on Form 8-K furnished to the SEC on November 7, 2017 relating to Item 2.02 of Form 8-K;

• Our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, filed with the SEC on June 8, 2017;

• The description of our common stock contained in our registration statement on Form 8-A, filed with the SEC on December 6, 2013, and any amendment or report subsequently filed for the purpose of updating such description; and

• The description of our Series A preferred share purchase rights contained in our registration statement on Form 8-A, filed with the SEC on May 24, 2017, and any amendment or report subsequently filed for the purpose of updating such description.

Each document that we subsequently file with the SEC pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act prior to the termination of this offering, including all such documents we may file with the SEC after the date of our initial registration statement and prior to the effectiveness of the registration statement, but excluding any information furnished to, rather than filed with, the SEC, will also be incorporated by reference into this prospectus and deemed to be part of this prospectus from the date of the filing of each such document.

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

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#### THE COMPANY

We are a pre-commercialization stage biopharmaceutical company focused on saving and improving the lives of pets. Our mission is to bring to our pets the same kinds of safe and effective medicines that our human family members enjoy. Our core strategy is to identify compounds and targets that have already demonstrated safety and efficacy in humans and to develop therapeutics based on these validated compounds and targets for pets, primarily dogs, cats and horses. We believe this approach will lead to shorter development times and higher approval rates than pursuing new, non-validated compounds and targets. We have submitted all major technical sections of the New Animal Drug Application to the Food and Drug Administration for two product candidates. In addition, we have multiple other product candidates, including several biologics, in various stages of development. We believe that there are significant unmet medical needs for pets, and that the pet therapeutics segment of the animal health industry is likely to grow substantially as new therapeutics are identified, developed and marketed specifically for pets.

We were incorporated on September 25, 2012 under the laws of the State of Delaware. Our principal executive offices are located at 1555 Bayshore Highway, Suite 200, Burlingame, California 94010, and our telephone number is (650) 701-7901.

#### RISK FACTORS

Investment in any securities offered pursuant to this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement involves significant risks. Before acquiring any of these securities, you should carefully consider the risks described under the heading "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, any amendment or update to such risk factors reflected in our subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K filed prior to the date of this prospectus and the risks described in our annual, quarterly and current reports that we file with the SEC after the date of this prospectus. All of the documents described in the preceding sentence are incorporated by reference into this prospectus. Before acquiring any of these securities, you should also carefully consider all risk factors and other information contained in, or incorporated by reference into, the applicable prospectus supplement and/or free writing prospectus. The occurrence of any of these risks might cause you to lose all or part of your investment.

#### CAUTIONARY NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus and any prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus include forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, that address activities, events or developments that we believe or anticipate will or may occur in the future are forward-looking statements, including, statements about our plans, objectives, strategies and prospects regarding, among other things, our financial condition, operating results and business.

We have identified some of these forward-looking statements with words such as “believe,” “may,” “will,” “should,” “could,” “expect,” “intend,” “plan,” “predict,” “anticipate,” “estimate,” “continue” or other words and terms of similar meaning and the future dates. These forward-looking statements are based on current expectations about future events affecting us and are subject to uncertainties and factors relating to our operations and business environment, all of which are difficult to predict and many of which are beyond our control and could cause our actual results to differ materially from those matters expressed or implied by our forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are only predictions or statements of current plans and can be affected by inaccurate assumptions we might make or by known or unknown risks and uncertainties, including the risks described under the heading “Risk Factors” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, any amendment or update to such risk factors reflected in our subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K filed prior to the date of this prospectus and the risks described in our annual, quarterly and current reports that we file with the SEC after the date of this prospectus, all of which are incorporated by reference into this prospectus. Such risks and uncertainties are not exclusive and further information concerning us and our business, including factors that potentially could materially affect our financial results or condition, may emerge from time to time. We assume no obligation to update, amend or clarify forward-looking statements to reflect actual results or changes in factors or assumptions affecting such forward-looking statements, except as required by law.

#### USE OF PROCEEDS

Except as described in any prospectus supplement, we intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of the securities offered by this prospectus for the expansion of our commercial infrastructure in anticipation of future product approvals and launches, for expansion of our manufacturing capacity, for the development of our therapeutic candidates and for other general corporate and working capital purposes. We may also use a portion of such net proceeds to acquire other products or businesses, although we are not currently a party to an agreement regarding any such acquisition. We have not determined the amounts we plan to spend in any of these areas or the timing of these expenditures. As a result, our management will have broad discretion to allocate such net proceeds, and investors will be relying on the judgment of our management regarding the application of such net proceeds. We

reserve the right to change the use of these proceeds. Pending use of the proceeds as described above, we intend to invest such net proceeds in short-term, interest-bearing, investment-grade securities or certificates of deposit.

**RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES**

The following table sets forth the historical ratios of earnings to fixed charges for KindredBio for the periods indicated.

	Year Ended December 31,			Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Deficiency of earnings available to cover fixed charges	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)

(x) From inception (September 25, 2012) through December 31, 2012.

(a) Earnings in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012 were inadequate to cover fixed charges. The coverage deficiency was approximately \$120,000.

(b) Earnings in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013 were inadequate to cover fixed charges. The coverage deficiency was approximately \$4.2 million.

(c) Earnings in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 were inadequate to cover fixed charges. The coverage deficiency was approximately \$27.1 million.

(d) Earnings in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 were inadequate to cover fixed charges. The coverage deficiency was approximately \$27.0 million.

(e) Earnings in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 were inadequate to cover fixed charges. The coverage deficiency was approximately \$22.3 million.

(f) Earnings in the nine months ended September 30, 2017 were inadequate to cover fixed charges. The coverage deficiency was approximately \$21.0 million.

The above ratios were computed by dividing earnings by fixed charges. For this purpose, earnings are calculated as follows: (1) adding pre-tax income (loss) from operations, fixed charges and amortization of capitalized interest; and (2) then subtracting from such sum interest capitalized. Fixed charges consist of interest expense and that portion of rental expense associated with certain facility and equipment leases considered to be a reasonable estimate of the interest factor. For the periods indicated, we did not have any outstanding shares of preferred stock with required dividend payments. Therefore, the ratios of earnings to combined fixed charges and preferred stock dividends are identical to the ratios in the above table.

## DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

### General

Our authorized capital stock consists of 100,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, and 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.0001 per share. The following description of our capital stock and provisions of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, our amended and restated bylaws, our Series A preferred stock certificate of designations and our Rights Agreement, dated as of May 19, 2017 (the “rights agreement”), with American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC, as rights agent, is a summary and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of those documents. The documents have been filed with the SEC and have been filed, or incorporated by reference, as exhibits to our registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part.

### Common Stock

As of December 31, 2017, there were 28,182,563 shares of our common stock outstanding and held of record by approximately 26 stockholders.

Holders of our common stock are entitled to one vote for each share held on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders and do not have cumulative voting rights. An election of directors by our stockholders will be determined by a plurality of the votes cast by the stockholders entitled to vote on the election. Holders of common stock are entitled to receive proportionately any dividends that may be declared by our board of directors, subject to any preferential dividend rights of any series of preferred stock that we may designate and issue.

In the event of our liquidation or dissolution, the holders of common stock are entitled to receive proportionately our net assets available for distribution to stockholders after the payment of all debts and other liabilities and subject to the preferential rights of any outstanding preferred stock. Holders of common stock have no preemptive, subscription, redemption or conversion rights. Our outstanding shares of common stock are, and the shares of common stock offered by us pursuant to this prospectus will be, when issued and paid for, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable. The rights, preferences and privileges of holders of common stock are subject to and may be adversely affected by the rights of the holders of shares of any series of preferred stock that we may designate and issue.

### Preferred Stock

As of December 31, 2017, there were no shares of our preferred stock outstanding.

Under our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, our board of directors has the authority, without further action by stockholders, to designate one or more series of preferred stock and to fix the voting

powers, designations, preferences, limitations, restrictions and relative rights granted to or imposed upon the preferred stock, including dividend rights, conversion rights, voting rights, rights and terms of redemption, liquidation preference and sinking fund terms, any or all of which may be preferential to or greater than the rights of the common stock.

The authority possessed by our board to issue preferred stock could potentially be used to discourage attempts by third parties to obtain control of our company through a merger, tender offer, proxy contest or otherwise by making such attempts more difficult or more costly. Our board may issue preferred stock with voting rights, conversion rights and other rights that, if exercised, could adversely affect the voting power of the holders of common stock. Except as described below with respect to our rights agreement, we have no current agreements or understandings with respect to the issuance of preferred stock.

We will describe in a prospectus supplement relating to any series of preferred stock being offered pursuant to this prospectus the following terms:

- the designation of the series of preferred stock;
- the number of shares of the series of preferred stock offered, the liquidation preference per share and the offering price of the series;
- the dividend rate(s), period(s) or payment date(s) or method(s) of calculation applicable to the series of preferred stock;
- whether dividends are cumulative or non-cumulative and, if cumulative, the date from which dividends on the series of preferred stock will accumulate;
- the procedures for any auction and remarketing, if any, for the series of preferred stock;
- the provisions for a sinking fund, if any, for the series of preferred stock;
- the provisions for redemption, if applicable, of the series of preferred stock;
- any listing of the series of preferred stock on any securities exchange;
- the terms and conditions, if applicable, upon which the series of preferred stock will be convertible into common stock, including the conversion price or manner of calculation and conversion period;
- voting rights, if any, of the series of preferred stock;
- the material U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to the series of preferred stock;
- the relative ranking and preferences of the series of preferred stock as to dividend rights and rights upon the liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs;
- any limitations on issuance of any series of preferred stock ranking senior to or on a parity with the series of preferred stock being offered as to dividend rights and rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs; and
- any other specific terms, preferences, rights, limitations or restrictions of the series of preferred stock.



Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, the preferred stock will rank, relating to dividends and upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up:

• senior to all classes or series of our common stock and to all of our equity securities ranking junior to the preferred stock;

• on a parity with all of our equity securities the terms of which specifically provide that the equity securities rank on a parity with the preferred stock; and

• junior to all of our equity securities the terms of which specifically provide that the equity securities rank senior to the preferred stock.

In connection with entering into the rights agreement, we filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware a Certificate of Designations of Series A Preferred Stock (the “certificate of designations”) that designated 100,000 shares of our preferred stock as Series A preferred stock. The dividend rights, conversion rights, voting rights, rights and terms of redemption, liquidation preference and other rights of the Series A preferred stock are set forth in the certificate of designations, which has been incorporated by reference as an exhibit to our registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. No shares of our Series A preferred stock have been issued. Certain material provisions of the rights agreement and the certificate of designations are summarized below under “Rights Agreement.”

#### Stock Options

As of December 31, 2017, options to purchase an aggregate of 4,573,625 shares of our common stock at a weighted-average exercise price of \$6.57 per share were outstanding.

**Anti-Takeover Effects of Our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws, Our Rights Agreement and Delaware Law**  
Certain provisions of our amended and restated certificate of incorporation, our amended and restated bylaws, our rights agreement and Delaware law contain provisions that could have the effect of delaying or discouraging another party from acquiring control of us. These provisions, which are summarized below, are expected to discourage certain types of coercive takeover practices and inadequate takeover bids. These provisions are also designed in part to encourage anyone seeking to acquire control of us to first negotiate with our board of directors. We believe that the advantages gained by protecting our ability to negotiate with any unsolicited and potentially unfriendly acquirer outweigh the disadvantages of discouraging such proposals, including those priced above the then-current market value of our common stock because, among other reasons, the negotiation of such proposals could improve their terms. However, these provisions may have the effect of preventing changes in our management. It is also possible that these provisions could make it more difficult to accomplish transactions that stockholders may otherwise deem to be in their best interests.

#### Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws

Our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws include provisions that:

- authorize our board of directors to issue, without further action by the stockholders, up to 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock in one or more series designated by the board of directors;
- require that any action to be taken by our stockholders be effected at a duly called annual or special meeting and not by written consent;
- specify that special meetings of our stockholders can be called only by our board of directors, the Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer or the President;
- establish an advance notice procedure for stockholder approvals to be brought before an annual meeting of our stockholders, including proposed nominations of persons for election to our board of directors;
- provide that directors may be removed only for cause and only by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least two-thirds in voting power of the outstanding stock entitled to vote;
- provide that vacancies on our board of directors may be filled only by a majority of directors then in office, even though less than a quorum;
- establish that our board of directors is divided into three classes, Class I, Class II, and Class III, with each class serving staggered terms;
- specify that no stockholder is permitted to cumulate votes at any election of the board of directors; and
- require the affirmative vote of the holders of at least two-thirds in voting power of the outstanding stock entitled to vote to amend certain of the above-mentioned provisions.

Our amended and restated bylaws also provide that, unless we consent in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware will be the sole and exclusive forum for (1) any derivative action or proceeding brought on our behalf, (2) any action asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any director, officer or other employee of KindredBio to us or our stockholders, (3) any action asserting a claim arising pursuant to any provision of the Delaware General Corporation Law, or (4) any action asserting a claim governed by the internal affairs doctrine. Our amended and restated bylaws further provide that any person or entity purchasing or otherwise acquiring any interest in shares of our capital stock is deemed to have notice of, and to have consented to, the preceding provision.

#### Rights Agreement

On May 19, 2017, our board of directors approved and adopted the rights agreement and, on July 24, 2017, our stockholders approved the adoption of the rights agreement. The rights agreement is intended to protect our stockholders from coercive or otherwise unfair proposals to acquire control of KindredBio by significantly diluting the ownership interest of any person who acquires at least 20% of our outstanding common stock by providing all

other stockholders with the right to acquire additional shares of our preferred stock or common stock at a significant discount. The rights agreement is not intended to interfere with any merger or other acquisition that is approved by our board of directors because, among other things, the board is entitled to redeem the rights for a nominal price before a person acquires at least 20% of our common stock. The rights agreement is intended to encourage an acquiring person to negotiate a proposed merger or other business combination with our board of directors and management.

Pursuant to the rights agreement, each share of our common stock, whether currently outstanding or issued in the future, has attached to it a “right” that, upon the occurrence of a “distribution date” event described below, initially entitles the registered holder (other than an “acquiring person”) to purchase one one-thousandth of a share of Series A preferred stock at a price of \$25.00 per one one-thousandth of a share of preferred stock, subject to adjustment on the terms described in the rights agreement. In general, a person or group of affiliated or associated persons will become an “acquiring person” upon acquiring beneficial ownership of 20% or more of our common stock.

Until the earlier to occur of (1) 10 business days following a public announcement that a person or group of affiliated or associated persons has become an acquiring person or (2) 10 business days (or such later date as may be determined by our board of directors prior to such time as any person or group of affiliated or associated persons becomes an acquiring person) following the commencement of, or public announcement of an intention to make, a tender or exchange offer the consummation of which would result in any person or group of affiliated or associated persons becoming an acquiring person (the earlier of such dates being called the “distribution date”), the rights will be transferred only with our common stock. The rights are not exercisable until the distribution date.

As provided in the certificate of designations for the Series A preferred stock, if and when shares of Series A preferred stock are issued following a distribution date, each Series A share will be entitled, when, as and if declared, to a minimum preferential quarterly dividend payment of the greater of (1) \$10.00 per share and (2) an amount (subject to certain adjustments) equal to 1,000 times the dividend declared per share of common stock. In the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, the holders of the Series A preferred stock will be entitled to a minimum preferential payment of the greater of (a) \$10.00 per share (plus any accrued but unpaid dividends) and (b) an amount (subject to certain adjustments) equal to 1,000 times the payment made per share of common stock. Each share of Series A preferred stock will have 1,000 votes, voting together with the common stock. In the event of any merger, consolidation or other transaction in which outstanding shares of common stock are converted or exchanged, each share of Series A preferred stock will be entitled to receive 1,000 times the amount received per share of common stock. These rights are protected by customary anti-dilution provisions. Because of the nature of the Series A preferred stock’s dividend, liquidation and voting rights, the value of the one one-thousandth interest in a share of Series A preferred stock purchasable upon exercise of each right should approximate the value of one share of common stock.

In the event that any person or group of affiliated or associated persons becomes an acquiring person, each holder of a right, other than an acquiring person (whose rights will become void), will thereafter have the right to receive upon exercise of a right that number of shares of common stock having a market value of two times the exercise price of the right. In the event that, after a person or group has become an acquiring person, KindredBio is acquired in a merger or other business combination transaction or 50% or more of its consolidated assets or earning power are sold, provision will be made so that each holder of a right, other than an acquiring person, will thereafter have the right to receive upon the exercise of a right that number of shares of common stock of the entity with which KindredBio has engaged in such transaction (or its parent) that at the time of such transaction have a market value of two times the exercise price of the right.

At any time after any person or group becomes an acquiring person and prior to the earlier of one of the events described in the previous paragraph or the acquisition by such acquiring person of 50% or more of the outstanding shares of our common stock, our board of directors may exchange the rights (other than rights owned by the acquiring person, which will have become void), in whole or in part, for shares of common stock or Series A preferred stock (or a series of our preferred stock having equivalent rights, preferences and privileges), at an exchange ratio of one share of common stock, or a fractional share of Series A preferred stock (or other preferred stock) equivalent in value thereto, per right.

At any time prior to the time an acquiring person becomes such, our board of directors may redeem the rights in whole, but not in part, at a price of \$0.0001 per right payable, at our option, in cash, shares of common stock or such other form of consideration as the board of directors may determine. Immediately upon any redemption of the rights, the right to exercise the rights will terminate and the only right of the holders of rights will be to receive the redemption price. For so long as the rights are redeemable, we may, except with respect to the redemption price, amend the rights agreement in any manner. After the rights are no longer redeemable, we may, except with respect to the redemption price, amend the rights agreement in a manner that does not adversely affect the interests of holders of the rights. Until a right is exercised or exchanged, the holder of the right, as such, will have no rights as a stockholder of KindredBio, including, without limitation, the right to vote or to receive dividends.

The rights will expire on May 18, 2020 unless that expiration date is extended or the rights are earlier redeemed or exchanged by us. The purchase price payable, and the number of shares of Series A preferred stock or other securities or property issuable, upon exercise of the rights is subject to adjustment from time to time to prevent dilution upon the terms described in the rights agreement.

#### Delaware Anti-Takeover Statute

We are subject to the provisions of Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law regulating corporate takeovers. In general, Section 203 prohibits a publicly-held Delaware corporation such as KindredBio

from engaging in a “business combination” with an “interested stockholder” for a period of three years following the date the person became an interested stockholder unless:

prior to the date of the transaction, the board of directors of the corporation approved either the business combination or the transaction which resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder;

upon completion of the transaction that resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder, the interested stockholder owned at least 85% of the voting stock of the corporation outstanding at the time the transaction commenced, excluding for purposes of determining the voting stock outstanding, but not for determining the outstanding voting stock owned by the interested stockholder, (1) shares owned by persons who are directors and also officers of the corporation and (2) shares owned by employee stock plans in which employee participants do not have the right to determine confidentially whether shares held subject to the plan will be tendered in a tender or exchange offer; or

at or subsequent to the date of the transaction, the business combination is approved by the board of directors of the corporation and authorized at an annual or special meeting of stockholders, and not by written consent, by the affirmative vote of at least 66-2/3% of the outstanding voting stock which is not owned by the interested stockholder. In this context, a “business combination” includes a merger, asset or stock sale, or other transaction resulting in a financial benefit to the interested stockholder. 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 outstanding voting stock. We expect the existence of this provision to have an anti-takeover effect with respect to transactions our board of directors does not approve in advance. We also anticipate that Section 203 may discourage business combinations or other attempts that might result in a premium over the market price for the shares of common stock held by our stockholders.

#### Transfer Agent and Registrar

The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC.

NASDAQ Capital Market

Our common stock is listed on The NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol “KIN.”

#### DESCRIPTION OF DEPOSITARY SHARES

We may, at our option, elect to offer depositary shares rather than full shares of preferred stock. Each depositary share will represent ownership of and entitlement to all rights and preferences of a fraction of a share of preferred stock of a specified series (including any dividend, voting, redemption and liquidation rights). The applicable fraction will be specified in a prospectus supplement. The shares of preferred stock represented by the depositary shares will be deposited with a depositary named in the applicable prospectus supplement, under a deposit agreement among us, the depositary and the holders of the certificates evidencing depositary shares, or depositary receipts. Depositary receipts will be delivered to those persons purchasing depositary shares in the offering. The depositary will be the transfer agent, registrar and dividend disbursing agent for the depositary shares. Holders of depositary receipts agree to be bound by the deposit agreement, which requires holders to take certain actions such as filing proof of residence and paying certain charges.

The summary of the terms of the depositary shares contained in this prospectus does not purport to be complete and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by, the provisions of the deposit agreement and our amended and restated certificate of incorporation and the certificate of designations that are, or will be, filed with the SEC for the applicable series of preferred stock.

#### Dividends

The depositary will distribute all cash dividends or other cash distributions received in respect of the series of preferred stock represented by the depositary shares to the record holders of depositary receipts in proportion to the number of depositary shares owned by such holders on the relevant record date, which will be the same date as the record date fixed by us for the applicable series of preferred stock. The depositary, however, will distribute only such amount as can be distributed without attributing to any depositary share a fraction of one cent, and any balance not so distributed will be added to and treated as part of the next sum received by the depositary for distribution to record holders of depositary receipts then outstanding.

In the event of a distribution other than in cash, the depositary will distribute property received by it to the record holders of depositary receipts entitled thereto, in proportion, as nearly as may be practicable, to the number of depositary shares owned by such holders on the relevant record date, unless the depositary determines (after consultation with us) that it is not feasible to make such distribution, in which case the depositary may (with our approval) adopt any other method for such distribution as it deems equitable and appropriate, including the sale of such property (at such place or places and upon such terms as it may deem equitable and appropriate) and distribution of the net proceeds from such sale to such holders.

#### Liquidation Preference

In the event of the liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the affairs of KindredBio, whether voluntary or involuntary, the holders of each depositary share will be entitled to the fraction of the liquidation preference accorded each share of the applicable series of preferred stock as set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

#### Redemption

If the series of preferred stock represented by the applicable series of depositary shares is redeemable, such depositary shares will be redeemed from the proceeds received by the depositary resulting from the redemption, in whole or in part, of the preferred stock held by the depositary. Whenever we redeem any preferred stock held by the depositary, the depositary will redeem as of the same redemption date the number of depositary shares representing the shares of preferred stock so redeemed. The depositary will mail the notice of redemption promptly upon receipt of such notice from us and not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for redemption of the preferred stock and the depositary shares to the record holders of the depositary receipts.

#### Voting

Promptly upon receipt of notice of any meeting at which the holders of the series of preferred stock represented by the applicable series of depositary shares are entitled to vote, the depositary will mail the information contained in such notice of meeting to the record holders of the depositary receipts as of the record date for such meeting. Each such record holder of depositary receipts will be entitled to instruct the depositary as to the exercise of the voting rights pertaining to the number of shares of preferred stock represented by such record holder's depositary shares. The depositary will endeavor, insofar as practicable, to vote such preferred stock represented by such depositary shares in accordance with such instructions, and we will agree to take all action which may be deemed necessary by the depositary in order to enable the depositary to do so. The depositary will abstain from voting the preferred stock to the extent that it does not receive specific instructions from the holders of depositary receipts.

#### Withdrawal of Preferred Stock

Upon surrender of depositary receipts at the principal office of the depositary and payment of any unpaid amount due the depositary, and subject to the terms of the deposit agreement, the owner of the depositary shares evidenced thereby is entitled to delivery of the number of whole shares of preferred stock and all money and other property, if any, represented by such depositary shares. Partial shares of preferred stock will not be issued. If the depositary receipts delivered by the holder evidence a number of depositary shares in excess of the number of depositary shares representing the number of whole shares of preferred stock to be withdrawn, the depositary will deliver to such holder at the same time a new depositary receipt evidencing such excess number of depositary shares. Holders of preferred stock thus withdrawn will not thereafter be entitled to deposit such shares of preferred stock under the deposit agreement or to receive depositary receipts evidencing depositary shares with respect to such

shares of preferred stock.

#### Amendment and Termination of the Deposit Agreement

The form of depositary receipt evidencing the depositary shares and any provision of the deposit agreement may at any time and from time to time be amended by agreement between us and the depositary. However, any amendment which materially and adversely alters the rights of the holders (other than any change in fees) of depositary shares will not be effective unless such amendment has been approved by the holders of at least a majority of the depositary shares then outstanding. No such amendment may impair the right, subject to the terms of the deposit agreement, of any owner of any depositary shares to surrender the depositary receipt evidencing such depositary shares with instructions to the depositary to deliver to the holder the preferred stock and all money and other property, if any, represented thereby, except in order to comply with mandatory provisions of applicable law.

The deposit agreement will be permitted to be terminated by us upon not less than 30 days' prior written notice to the applicable depositary if a majority of each series of preferred stock affected by such termination consents to such termination, whereupon such depositary will be required to deliver or make available to each holder of depositary receipts, upon surrender of the depositary receipts held by such holder, such number of whole or fractional shares of preferred stock as are represented by the depositary shares evidenced by such depositary receipts together with any other property held by such depositary with respect to such depositary receipts. In addition, the deposit agreement will automatically terminate if (1) all outstanding depositary shares thereunder shall have been redeemed, (2) there shall have been a final distribution in respect of the related preferred stock in connection with any liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of KindredBio and such distribution shall have been distributed to the holders of depositary receipts evidencing the depositary shares representing such preferred stock, or (3) each share of the related preferred stock shall have been converted into stock of KindredBio not so represented by depositary shares.

#### Charges of the Depositary

We will pay all transfer and other taxes and governmental charges arising solely from the existence of the depositary arrangements. We will pay charges of the depositary in connection with the initial deposit of the preferred stock and initial issuance of the depositary shares, and redemption of the preferred stock and all withdrawals of preferred stock by owners of depositary shares. Holders of depositary receipts will pay transfer, income and other taxes and governmental charges and certain other charges as are provided in the deposit agreement to be for their accounts. In certain circumstances, the depositary may refuse to transfer depositary shares, may withhold dividends and distributions and sell the depositary shares evidenced by such depositary receipt if such charges are not paid. The applicable prospectus supplement will include information with respect to fees and charges, if any, in connection with the deposit or substitution of the underlying securities, the receipt and distribution of dividends, the sale or exercise of rights, the withdrawal of the underlying security and the transferring, splitting or grouping of



receipts. The applicable prospectus supplement will also include information with respect to the right to collect the fees and charges, if any, against dividends received and deposited securities.

#### Resignation and Removal of the Depositary

The depositary may resign at any time by delivering to us notice of its election to do so, and we may at any time remove the depositary, any such resignation or removal to take effect upon the appointment of a successor depositary and its acceptance of such appointment. Such successor depositary must be appointed within 60 days after delivery of the notice of resignation or removal and must be a bank or trust company having its principal office in the United States and having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$150,000,000.

#### Miscellaneous

The depositary will forward to the holders of depositary receipts all notices, reports and proxy soliciting material from us which are delivered to the depositary and which we are required to furnish to the holders of the preferred stock. In addition, the depositary will make available for inspection by holders of depositary receipts at the principal office of the depositary, and at such other places as it may from time to time deem advisable, any notices, reports and proxy soliciting material received from us which are received by the depositary as the holder of preferred stock. The applicable prospectus supplement will include information about the rights, if any, of holders of receipts to inspect the transfer books of the depositary and the list of holders of depositary receipts.

Neither the depositary nor KindredBio assumes any obligation or will be subject to any liability under the deposit agreement to holders of depositary receipts other than for its negligence or willful misconduct. Neither the depositary nor KindredBio will be liable if it is prevented or delayed by law or any circumstance beyond its control in performing its obligations under the deposit agreement. The obligations of the depositary and KindredBio under the deposit agreement will be limited to performance in good faith of their duties thereunder, and they will not be obligated to prosecute or defend any legal proceeding in respect of any depositary shares or preferred stock unless satisfactory indemnity is furnished. The depositary and KindredBio may rely on written advice of counsel or accountants, on information provided by holders of the depositary receipts or other persons believed in good faith to be competent to give such information and on documents believed to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties.

In the event the depositary shall receive conflicting claims, requests or instructions from any holders of depositary receipts, on the one hand, and us, on the other hand, the depositary shall be entitled to act on such claims, requests or instructions received from us.

## DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

The following description, together with the additional information we include in any applicable prospectus supplement or free writing prospectus, summarizes certain general terms and provisions of the debt securities that we may offer under this prospectus. When we offer to sell a particular series of debt securities, we will describe the specific terms of the series in a prospectus supplement. We will also indicate in the prospectus supplement to what extent the general terms and provisions described in this prospectus apply to a particular series of debt securities. To the extent the information contained in the prospectus supplement differs from this summary description, you should rely on the information in the prospectus supplement.

We may issue debt securities either separately, or together with, or upon the conversion or exercise of or in exchange for, other securities described in this prospectus. Debt securities may be our senior, senior subordinated or subordinated obligations and, unless otherwise specified in the prospectus supplement, the debt securities will be our direct, unsecured obligations and may be issued in one or more series.

The debt securities will be issued under an indenture between us and a trustee named in the prospectus supplement. We have summarized select portions of the indenture below. The summary is not complete. The form of the indenture has been filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, and you should read the indenture for provisions that may be important to you. Capitalized terms used in the summary and not defined in this prospectus have the meanings specified in the indenture.

### General

The terms of each series of debt securities will be established by or pursuant to a resolution of our board of directors and set forth or determined in the manner provided in a resolution of our board of directors, in an officer's certificate or by a supplemental indenture. The particular terms of each series of debt securities will be described in a prospectus supplement relating to such series (including any pricing supplement or term sheet).

The indenture does not limit the amount of debt securities that we may issue under it. Debt securities issued under the indenture may be in one or more series with the same or various maturities, at par, at a premium, or at a discount. We will set forth in a prospectus supplement (including any pricing supplement or term sheet) relating to any series of debt securities being offered, the aggregate principal amount and the following terms of the debt securities, if applicable:

- the title and ranking of the debt securities (including the terms of any subordination provisions);
- the price or prices (expressed as a percentage of the principal amount) at which we will sell the debt securities;

- any limit on the aggregate principal amount of the debt securities;
  - the date or dates on which the principal on a particular series of debt securities is payable;
  - the rate or rates (which may be fixed or variable) per annum or the method used to determine the rate or rates (including any commodity, commodity index, stock exchange index or financial index) at which the debt securities will bear interest, the date or dates from which interest will accrue, the date or dates on which interest will commence and be payable and any regular record date for the interest payable on any interest payment date;
  - the place or places where principal of, and interest, if any, on the debt securities will be payable (and the method of such payment), where the debt securities of such series may be surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange, and where notices and demands to us in respect of the debt securities may be delivered;
  - the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which and the terms and conditions upon which we may redeem the debt securities;
  - any obligation we have to redeem or purchase the debt securities pursuant to any sinking fund or analogous provisions or at the option of a holder of debt securities and the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which and the terms and conditions upon which the debt securities of a particular series shall be redeemed or purchased, in whole or in part, pursuant to such obligation;
  - the dates on which and the price or prices at which we will repurchase debt securities at the option of the holders of debt securities and other detailed terms and provisions of these repurchase obligations;
  - the denominations in which the debt securities will be issued, if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof;
  - whether the debt securities will be issued in the form of certificated debt securities or global debt securities;
  - the portion of principal amount of the debt securities payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity date, if other than the principal amount;
  - the currency of denomination of the debt securities, which may be U.S. dollars or any foreign currency, and if such currency of denomination is a composite currency, the agency or organization, if any, responsible for overseeing such composite currency;
  - the designation of the currency, currencies or currency units in which payment of principal of, and premium and interest on, the debt securities will be made;
  - if payments of principal of, or premium or interest on, the debt securities will be made in one or more currencies or currency units other than that or those in which the debt securities are denominated, the manner in which the exchange rate with respect to these payments will be determined;
    - the manner in which the amounts of payment of principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on, the debt securities will be determined, if these amounts may be determined by reference to an index based on a currency or currencies or by reference to a commodity, commodity index, stock exchange index or financial index;
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- any provisions relating to any security provided for the debt securities;
  - any addition to, deletion of or change in the events of default described in this prospectus or in the indenture with respect to the debt securities and any change in the acceleration provisions described in this prospectus or in the indenture with respect to the debt securities;
  - any addition to, deletion of or change in the covenants described in this prospectus or in the indenture with respect to the debt securities;
  - any depositaries, interest rate calculation agents, exchange rate calculation agents or other agents with respect to the debt securities;
- the provisions, if any, relating to conversion or exchange of any debt securities of such series, including if applicable, the conversion or exchange price and period, provisions as to whether conversion or exchange will be mandatory, the events requiring an adjustment of the conversion or exchange price and provisions affecting conversion or exchange;
- any other terms of the debt securities, which may supplement, modify or delete any provision of the indenture as it applies to that series, including any terms that may be required under applicable law or regulations or advisable in connection with the marketing of the securities; and
- whether any of our direct or indirect subsidiaries will guarantee the debt securities of that series, including the terms of subordination, if any, of such guarantees.

We may issue debt securities that provide for an amount less than their stated principal amount to be due and payable upon declaration of acceleration of their maturity pursuant to the terms of the indenture. We will provide you with information on the material U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to any of these debt securities in the applicable prospectus supplement.

If we denominate the purchase price of any of the debt securities in a foreign currency or currencies or a foreign currency unit or units, or if the principal of, and premium, if any, and interest on, any series of debt securities is payable in a foreign currency or currencies or a foreign currency unit or units, we will provide you with information on the restrictions, elections, general tax considerations, specific terms and other information with respect to that issue of debt securities and such foreign currency or currencies or foreign currency unit or units in the applicable prospectus supplement.

#### Transfer and Exchange

Each debt security will be represented by either one or more global securities registered in the name of The Depository Trust Company (“DTC” or “the Depository”) or a nominee of the Depository (we will refer to any debt security represented by a global debt security as a “book-entry debt security”), or a certificate issued in definitive registered form (we will refer to any debt security represented by a certificated security as a “certificated debt security”) as set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. Except as set forth under the heading “Legal Ownership of Securities” below, book-entry debt securities will not be issuable in certificated form.

#### Certificated Debt Securities

You may transfer or exchange certificated debt securities at any office we maintain for this purpose in accordance with the terms of the indenture. No service charge will be made for any transfer or exchange of certificated debt securities, but we may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection with a transfer or exchange.

You may effect the transfer of certificated debt securities and the right to receive the principal of, premium and interest on certificated debt securities only by surrendering the certificate representing those certificated debt securities and either reissuance by us or the trustee of the certificate to the new holder or the issuance by us or the trustee of a new certificate to the new holder.

#### Global Debt Securities and Book-Entry System

Each global debt security representing book-entry debt securities will be deposited with, or on behalf of, the Depositary, and registered in the name of the Depositary or a nominee of the Depositary. Please see the section of this prospectus entitled "Legal Ownership of Securities" for more information.

#### Covenants

We will set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement any restrictive covenants applicable to any issue of debt securities.

#### No Protection in the Event of a Change of Control

Unless we state otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, the debt securities will not contain any provisions that may afford holders of the debt securities protection in the event we have a change in control or in the event of a highly leveraged transaction (whether or not such transaction results in a change in control) that could adversely affect holders of debt securities.

#### Consolidation, Merger and Sale of Assets

We may not consolidate with or merge with or into, or convey, transfer or lease all or substantially all of our properties and assets to, any person (a "successor person") unless:

we are the surviving corporation or the successor person (if other than KindredBio) is a corporation organized and validly existing under the laws of any U.S. domestic jurisdiction and expressly assumes our obligations on the debt securities and under the indenture;

immediately after giving effect to the transaction, no default or event of default, shall have occurred and be continuing; and

certain other conditions are met.

Notwithstanding the above, any of our subsidiaries may consolidate with, merge into or transfer all or part of its properties to us.

#### Events of Default

An “event of default” means with respect to any series of debt securities, any of the following:

- default in the payment of any interest upon any debt security of that series when it becomes due and payable, and continuance of such default for a period of 30 days (unless the entire amount of the payment is deposited by us with the trustee or with a paying agent prior to the expiration of the 30-day period);
- default in the payment of principal of any debt security of that series at its maturity;
- default in the performance or breach of any other covenant or warranty by us in the indenture or any debt security (other than a covenant or warranty that has been included in the indenture solely for the benefit of a series of debt securities other than that series), which default continues uncured for a period of 60 days after we receive written notice from the trustee or KindredBio and the trustee receive written notice from the holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series as provided in the indenture;
- certain voluntary or involuntary events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of KindredBio; or
- any other event of default provided with respect to debt securities of that series that is described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

No event of default with respect to a particular series of debt securities (except as to certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization) necessarily constitutes an event of default with respect to any other series of debt securities. The occurrence of certain events of default or an acceleration under the indenture may constitute an event of default under certain indebtedness of ours or our subsidiaries outstanding from time to time.

We will provide the trustee written notice of any default or event of default within 30 days of becoming aware of the occurrence of such default or event of default, which notice will describe in reasonable detail the status of such default or event of default and what action we are taking or propose to take in respect thereof.

If an event of default with respect to debt securities of any series at the time outstanding occurs and is continuing, then the trustee or the holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series may, by a notice in writing to us (and to the trustee if given by the holders), declare to be due and payable immediately the principal of (or, if the debt securities of that series are discount securities, that portion of the principal amount as may be specified in the terms of that series) and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on all debt securities of that series. In the case of an event of default resulting from certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization, the principal (or such specified amount) of and accrued and unpaid interest, if any, on

all outstanding debt securities will become and be immediately due and payable without any declaration or other act on the part of the trustee or any holder of outstanding debt securities. At any time after a declaration of acceleration with respect to debt securities of any series has been made, but before a judgment or decree for payment of the money due has been obtained by the trustee, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series may rescind and annul the acceleration if all events of default, other than the non-payment of accelerated principal and interest, if any, with respect to debt securities of that series, have been cured or waived as provided in the indenture. We refer you to the prospectus supplement relating to any series of debt securities that are discount securities for the particular provisions relating to acceleration of a portion of the principal amount of such discount securities upon the occurrence of an event of default.

The indenture provides that the trustee may refuse to perform any duty or exercise any of its rights or powers under the indenture unless the trustee receives indemnity satisfactory to it against any cost, liability or expense that might be incurred by it in performing such duty or exercising such right or power. Subject to certain rights of the trustee, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series will have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on the trustee with respect to the debt securities of that series.

No holder of any debt security of any series will have any right to institute any proceeding, judicial or otherwise, with respect to the indenture or for the appointment of a receiver or trustee, or for any remedy under the indenture, unless: that holder has previously given to the trustee written notice of a continuing event of default with respect to debt securities of that series; and the holders of not less than 25% in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series have made written request, and offered indemnity or security satisfactory to the trustee, to the trustee to institute the proceeding as trustee, and the trustee has not received from the holders of not less than a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series a direction inconsistent with that request and has failed to institute the proceeding within 60 days.

Notwithstanding any other provision in the indenture, the holder of any debt security will have an absolute and unconditional right to receive payment of the principal of, and premium and any interest on, that debt security on or after the due dates expressed in that debt security and to institute suit for the enforcement of payment.

The indenture requires us, within 120 days after the end of our fiscal year, to furnish to the trustee a statement as to compliance with the indenture. If a default or event of default occurs and is continuing with respect to the securities of any series and if it is known to a responsible officer of the trustee, the trustee shall mail to each holder of the securities of that series notice of a default or event of default within 90 days after it occurs or, if later, after a responsible officer of the trustee has knowledge of such default or event of default. The indenture provides

that the trustee may withhold notice to the holders of debt securities of any series of any default or event of default (except in payment on any debt securities of that series) with respect to debt securities of that series if the trustee determines in good faith that withholding notice is in the interest of the holders of those debt securities.

#### Modification and Waiver

We and the trustee may modify, amend or supplement the indenture or the debt securities of any series without the consent of any holder of any debt security:

- to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency;
- to comply with covenants in the indenture described above under the heading “Consolidation, Merger and Sale of Assets”;
- to provide for uncertificated securities in addition to or in place of certificated securities;
- to add guarantees with respect to debt securities of any series or secure debt securities of any series;
- to surrender any of our rights or powers under the indenture;
- to add covenants or events of default for the benefit of the holders of debt securities of any series;
- to comply with the applicable procedures of the Depositary;
- to make any change that does not adversely affect the rights of any holder of debt securities;
- to provide for the issuance of and establish the form and terms and conditions of debt securities of any series as permitted by the indenture;
- to effect the appointment of a successor trustee with respect to the debt securities of any series and to add to or change any of the provisions of the indenture to provide for or facilitate administration by more than one trustee; or
- to comply with requirements of the SEC in order to effect or maintain the qualification of the indenture under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939.

We may also modify and amend the indenture with the consent of the holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of each series affected by the modification or amendment. We may not make any modification or amendment without the consent of the holders of each affected debt security then outstanding if that amendment would:

- reduce the amount of debt securities whose holders must consent to an amendment, supplement or waiver;
- reduce the rate of or extend the time for payment of interest (including default interest) on any debt security;
- reduce the principal of or premium on or change the fixed maturity of any debt security or reduce the amount of, or
- postpone the date fixed for, the payment of any sinking fund or analogous obligation with respect to any series of debt securities;



- reduce the principal amount of discount securities payable upon acceleration of maturity;
- waive a default or event of default in the payment of the principal of, or premium or interest on, any debt security (except a rescission of acceleration of the debt securities of any series by the holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series and a waiver of the payment default that resulted from such acceleration);
- make the principal of, or premium or interest on, any debt security payable in a currency other than that stated in the debt security;
- make any change to certain provisions of the indenture relating to, among other things, the right of the holders of debt securities to receive payment of the principal of, and premium and interest on, those debt securities and to institute suit for the enforcement of any such payment and to waivers or amendments; or
- waive a redemption payment with respect to any debt security.

Except for certain specified provisions, the holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may on behalf of the holders of all debt securities of that series waive our compliance with provisions of the indenture. The holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may on behalf of the holders of all of the debt securities of such series waive any past default under the indenture with respect to that series and its consequences, except a default in the payment of the principal of, or any interest on, any debt security of that series; provided, however, that the holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series may rescind an acceleration and its consequences, including any related payment default that resulted from the acceleration.

#### Defeasance of the Debt Securities and Certain Covenants in Certain Circumstances

##### Legal Defeasance

The indenture provides that, unless otherwise provided by the terms of the applicable series of debt securities, we may be discharged from any and all obligations in respect of the debt securities of any series (subject to certain exceptions). We will be so discharged upon the deposit with the trustee, in trust, of cash and/or U.S. government obligations or, in the case of debt securities denominated in a single currency other than U.S. dollars, cash and/or government obligations of the government that issued or caused to be issued such currency, that, through the payment of interest and principal in accordance with their terms, will provide cash in an amount sufficient in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants or investment bank to pay and discharge each installment of principal of, premium and interest on, and any mandatory sinking fund payments in respect of, the debt securities of that series on the stated maturity of those payments in accordance with the terms of the indenture and those debt securities.

This discharge may occur only if, among other things, we have delivered to the trustee an opinion of counsel stating that we have received from, or there has been published by, the U.S. Internal Revenue Service a

ruling or, since the date of execution of the indenture, there has been a change in the applicable U.S. federal income tax law, in either case to the effect that, and based thereon such opinion shall confirm that, the holders of the debt securities of that series will not recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of the deposit, defeasance and discharge and will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the same amounts and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if the deposit, defeasance and discharge had not occurred.

#### Defeasance of Certain Covenants

The indenture provides that, unless otherwise provided by the terms of the applicable series of debt securities, upon compliance with certain conditions:

we may omit to comply with the covenant described under the heading “Consolidation, Merger and Sale of Assets” and certain other covenants set forth in the indenture, as well as any additional covenants that may be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement; and

any omission to comply with those covenants will not constitute a default or an event of default with respect to the debt securities of that series (a “covenant defeasance”).

The conditions include:

depositing with the trustee cash and/or U.S. government obligations or, in the case of debt securities denominated in a single currency other than U.S. dollars, cash and/or government obligations of the government that issued or caused to be issued such currency, that, through the payment of interest and principal in accordance with their terms, will provide cash in an amount sufficient in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants or investment bank to pay and discharge each installment of principal of, premium and interest on, and any mandatory sinking fund payments in respect of, the debt securities of that series on the stated maturity of those payments in accordance with the terms of the indenture and those debt securities; and

delivering to the trustee an opinion of counsel to the effect that we have received from, or there has been published by, the U.S. Internal Revenue Service a ruling or, since the date of execution of the indenture, there has been a change in the applicable U.S. federal income tax law, in either case to the effect that, and based thereon such opinion shall confirm that, the holders of the debt securities of that series will not recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of the deposit and related covenant defeasance and will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the same amounts and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if the deposit and related covenant defeasance had not occurred.

#### No Personal Liability of Directors, Officers, Employees or Stockholders

None of our past, present or future directors, officers, employees or stockholders, as such, will have any liability for any of our obligations under the debt securities or the indenture or for any claim based on, or in respect or by reason of, such obligations or their creation. By accepting a debt security, each holder waives and releases all such liability. This waiver and release is part of the consideration for the issue of the debt securities. However, this waiver and release may not be effective to waive liabilities under U.S. federal securities laws, and it is the view of the SEC that such a waiver is against public policy.

#### Governing Law

The indenture and the debt securities, including any claim or controversy arising out of or relating to the indenture or the debt securities, is governed by the laws of the State of New York.

The indenture provides that we, the trustee and the holders of the debt securities (by their acceptance of the debt securities) irrevocably waive, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, any and all right to trial by jury in any legal proceeding arising out of or relating to the indenture, the debt securities or the transactions contemplated thereby.

The indenture provides that any legal suit, action or proceeding arising out of or based upon the indenture or the transactions contemplated thereby may be instituted in the federal courts of the United States of America located in the City of New York or the courts of the State of New York in each case located in the City of New York, and we, the trustee and the holder of the debt securities (by their acceptance of the debt securities) irrevocably submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of such courts in any such suit, action or proceeding. The indenture further provides that service of any process, summons, notice or document by mail (to the extent allowed under any applicable statute or rule of court) to such party's address set forth in the indenture will be effective service of process for any suit, action or other proceeding brought in any such court. The indenture further provides that we, the trustee and the holders of the debt securities (by their acceptance of the debt securities) irrevocably and unconditionally waive any objection to the laying of venue of any suit, action or other proceeding in the courts specified above and irrevocably and unconditionally waive and agree not to plead or claim any such suit, action or other proceeding has been brought in an inconvenient forum.

## DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS

We may issue warrants for the purchase of our common stock, preferred stock, or debt securities or any combination of such securities. We may issue warrants independently or together with other securities, and the warrants may be attached to or separate from any offered securities. If a series of warrants will be issued under a separate warrant agreement to be entered into between us and the investors or a warrant agent, we will so specify in the applicable prospectus supplement.

The following summary of the material terms of the warrants and warrant agreements is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by reference to, all of the provisions of the warrants and any warrant agreement applicable to a particular series of warrants. The terms of any warrants offered under a prospectus supplement may differ from the terms described below. We urge you to read the applicable prospectus supplement and any related free writing prospectus, as well as the complete warrants and any warrant agreement that contain the terms of the warrants.

The material terms of any issue of warrants will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to the issue. Those terms may include:

- the number of shares of common stock or preferred stock purchasable upon the exercise of warrants to purchase such shares and the price at which such number of shares may be purchased upon exercise;
- a summary of the terms (including, without limitation, liquidation, dividend, conversion and voting rights) of the series of preferred stock purchasable upon exercise of warrants to purchase preferred stock as set forth in the certificate of designations for such series of preferred stock;
- the principal amount of debt securities that may be purchased upon exercise of a debt warrant and the exercise price for the warrants;
- the date, if any, on and after which the warrants and the related debt securities, preferred stock or common stock will be separately transferable;
- the terms of any rights to redeem or call the warrants;
- the date on which the right to exercise the warrants will commence and the date on which the right will expire;
- the material U.S. federal income tax consequences applicable to the warrants; and
- any additional material terms of the warrants, including terms, procedures, and limitations relating to the exchange, exercise and settlement of the warrants.

Each warrant will entitle its holder to purchase the principal amount of debt securities or the number of shares of preferred stock or common stock at the exercise price set forth in, or calculable as set forth in, the applicable prospectus supplement. Unless we otherwise specify in the applicable prospectus supplement, holders of

the warrants may exercise the warrants at any time up to the specified time on the expiration date that we set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. After the close of business on the expiration date, unexercised warrants will become void. A holder of warrant certificates may exchange them for new warrant certificates of different denominations, present them for registration of transfer and exercise them at the corporate trust office of the warrant agent or any other office indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement. Until any warrants to purchase debt securities are exercised, the holder of the warrants will not have any rights of holders of the debt securities that can be purchased upon exercise, including any rights to receive payments of principal, premium or interest on the underlying debt securities or to enforce covenants in the applicable indenture. Until any warrants to purchase common stock or preferred stock are exercised, the holders of the warrants will not have any rights of holders of the underlying common stock or preferred stock, including any rights to receive dividends or payments upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding up on the common stock or preferred stock, if any.

## DESCRIPTION OF UNITS

We may issue units consisting of any combination of the other types of securities offered under this prospectus in one or more series. We may evidence each series of units by unit certificates that we will issue under a separate unit agreement. We may enter into unit agreements with a unit agent. Each unit agent will be a bank or trust company that we select. We will indicate the name and address of the unit agent in the applicable prospectus supplement relating to a particular series of units.

The following description, together with the additional information included in any applicable prospectus supplement, summarizes the general features of the units that we may offer under this prospectus. You should read any prospectus supplement and any free writing prospectus that we may authorize to be provided to you related to the series of units being offered, as well as the complete unit agreements that contain the terms of the units. Specific unit agreements will contain additional important terms and provisions and we will file each unit agreement as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, or will incorporate by reference from another report that we file with the SEC, the form of each unit agreement relating to units offered under this prospectus.

If we offer any units, certain terms of that series of units will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement, including, without limitation, the following, as applicable:

- the title of the series of units;
- identification and description of the separate constituent securities comprising the units;
- the price or prices at which the units will be issued;
- the date, if any, on and after which the constituent securities comprising the units will be separately transferable;
- the material U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to the units; and
- any other material terms of the units and their constituent securities.

## LEGAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

We may issue securities in registered form or in the form of one or more global securities. We describe global securities in greater detail below. We refer to those persons who have securities registered in their own names on the books that we or any applicable trustee, depository or warrant agent maintain for this purpose as the “holders” of those securities. These persons are the legal holders of the securities. We refer to those persons who, indirectly through others, own beneficial interests in securities that are not registered in their own names, as “indirect holders” of those securities. As discussed below, indirect holders are not legal holders, and investors in securities issued in book-entry form or in street name will be indirect holders.

### Book-Entry Holders

We may issue securities in book-entry form only, as we will specify in the applicable prospectus supplement. This means securities may be represented by one or more global securities registered in the name of a financial institution that holds them as depository on behalf of other financial institutions that participate in the depository’s book-entry system. These participating institutions, which are referred to as participants, in turn, hold beneficial interests in the securities on behalf of themselves or their customers.

Only the person in whose name a security is registered is recognized as the holder of that security. Securities issued in global form will be registered in the name of the depository or its participants. Consequently, for securities issued in global form, we will recognize only the depository as the holder of the securities, and we will make all payments on the securities to the depository. The depository passes along the payments it receives to its participants, which in turn pass the payments along to their customers who are the beneficial owners. The depository and its participants do so under agreements they have made with one another or with their customers; they are not obligated to do so under the terms of the securities.

As a result, investors in book-entry securities will not own securities directly. Instead, they will own beneficial interests in a global security, through a bank, broker or other financial institution that participates in the depository’s book-entry system or holds an interest through a participant. As long as the securities are issued in global form, investors will be indirect holders, and not holders, of the securities.

### Street Name Holders

We may terminate a global security or issue securities in non-global form. In these cases, investors may choose to hold their securities in their own names or in “street name.” Securities held by an investor in street name would be registered in the name of a bank, broker or other financial institution that the investor chooses, and the investor would hold only a beneficial interest in those securities through an account he or she maintains at that institution.

For securities held in street name, we will recognize only the intermediary banks, brokers and other financial institutions in whose names the securities are registered as the holders of those securities, and we will make all payments on those securities to them. These institutions pass along the payments they receive to their customers who are the beneficial owners, but only because they agree to do so in their customer agreements or because they are legally required to do so. Investors who hold securities in street name will be indirect holders, not holders, of those securities.

#### Legal Holders

Our obligations, as well as the obligations of any applicable trustee and of any third parties employed by us or a trustee, run only to the legal holders of the securities. We do not have obligations to investors who hold beneficial interests in global securities, in street name or by any other indirect means. This will be the case whether an investor chooses to be an indirect holder of a security or has no choice because we are issuing the securities only in global form.

For example, once we make a payment or give a notice to the holder, we have no further responsibility for the payment or notice even if that holder is required, under agreements with depository participants or customers or by law, to pass it along to the indirect holders but does not do so. Similarly, we may want to obtain the approval of the holders to amend an indenture, to relieve us of the consequences of a default or of our obligation to comply with a particular provision of the indenture or for other purposes. In such an event, we would seek approval only from the holders, and not the indirect holders, of the securities. Whether or how the holders contact the indirect holders is the responsibility of the holders.

#### Special Considerations for Indirect Holders

If you hold securities through a bank, broker or other financial institution, either in book-entry form or in street name, you should check with your own institution to find out:

- the performance of third-party service providers;
- how it handles securities payments and notices;
- whether it imposes fees or charges;
- how it would handle a request for the holders' consent, if ever required;
- whether and how you can instruct it to send you securities registered in your own name so you can be a holder, if that is permitted in the future;
- how it would exercise rights under the securities if there were a default or other event triggering the need for holders to act to protect their interests; and
- if the securities are in book-entry form, how the depository's rules and procedures will affect these matters.



### Global Securities

A global security is a security that represents one or any other number of individual securities held by a depository. Generally, all securities represented by the same global securities will have the same terms.

Each security issued in book-entry form will be represented by a global security that we deposit with and register in the name of a financial institution or its nominee that we select. The financial institution that we select for this purpose is called the depository. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, DTC will be the depository for all securities issued in book-entry form.

A global security may not be transferred to or registered in the name of anyone other than the depository, its nominee or a successor depository, unless special termination situations arise. We describe those situations below under the section entitled “Special Situations When a Global Security Will Be Terminated” in this prospectus. As a result of these arrangements, the depository, or its nominee, will be the sole registered owner and holder of all securities represented by a global security, and investors will be permitted to own only beneficial interests in a global security. Beneficial interests must be held by means of an account with a broker, bank or other financial institution that in turn has an account with the depository or with another institution that does. Thus, an investor whose security is represented by a global security will not be a holder of the security, but only an indirect holder of a beneficial interest in the global security.

If the prospectus supplement for a particular security indicates that the security will be issued in global form only, then the security will be represented by a global security at all times unless and until the global security is terminated. If termination occurs, we may issue the securities through another book-entry clearing system or decide that the securities may no longer be held through any book-entry clearing system.

#### Special Considerations for Global Securities

The rights of an indirect holder relating to a global security will be governed by the account rules of the investor’s financial institution and of the depository, as well as general laws relating to securities transfers. We do not recognize an indirect holder as a holder of securities and instead deal only with the depository that holds the global security.

If securities are issued only in the form of a global security, an investor should be aware of the following:

- an investor cannot cause the securities to be registered in his or her name, and cannot obtain non-global certificates for his or her interest in the securities, except in the special situations described below;
- an investor will be an indirect holder and must look to his or her own bank or broker for payments on the securities and protection of his or her legal rights relating to the securities, as described above;
- an investor may not be able to sell interests in the securities to some insurance companies and to other institutions that are required by law to own their securities in non-book-entry form;

an investor may not be able to pledge his or her interest in a global security in circumstances where certificates representing the securities must be delivered to the lender or other beneficiary of the pledge in order for the pledge to be effective;

the depositary's policies, which may change from time to time, will govern payments, transfers, exchanges and other matters relating to an investor's interest in a global security;

we and any applicable trustee have no responsibility for any aspect of the depositary's actions or for its records of ownership interests in a global security, nor do we or any applicable trustee supervise the depositary in any way;

the depositary may, and we understand that DTC will, require that those who purchase and sell interests in a global security within its book-entry system use immediately available funds, and your broker or bank may require you to do so as well; and

financial institutions that participate in the depositary's book-entry system, and through which an investor holds its interest in a global security, may also have their own policies affecting payments, notices and other matters relating to the securities.

There may be more than one financial intermediary in the chain of ownership for an investor. We do not monitor and are not responsible for the actions of any intermediary.

#### Special Situations When a Global Security Will Be Terminated

In a few special situations described below, the global security will terminate and interests in it will be exchanged for physical certificates representing those interests. After that exchange, the choice of whether to hold securities directly or in street name will be the responsibility of the investor. Investors must consult their own banks or brokers to learn how to have their interests in securities transferred to their own names so that they will be direct holders. We have described the rights of holders and street name investors above.

Unless we provide otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, the global security will terminate when the following special situations occur:

if the depositary notifies us that it is unwilling, unable or no longer qualified to continue as depositary for that global security and we do not appoint another institution to act as depositary within 90 days;

if we notify any applicable trustee that we wish to terminate that global security; or

if an event of default has occurred with regard to securities represented by that global security and has not been cured or waived.

The applicable prospectus supplement may also list additional situations for terminating a global security that would apply only to the particular series of securities covered by the applicable prospectus supplement. When a global security terminates, the depositary, and not we or any applicable trustee, is responsible for deciding the names of the institutions that will be the initial direct holders.

## PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

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

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

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

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

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

If an underwriter is utilized in the sale of the securities being offered by this prospectus, an underwriting agreement will be executed with the underwriter at the time of sale and the name of any underwriter will be provided in the prospectus supplement that the underwriter will use to make resales of the securities to the public. In connection with the sale of the securities, we, or the purchasers of securities for whom the underwriter may act as agent, may compensate the underwriter in the form of underwriting discounts or commissions. The underwriter may sell the securities to or through dealers, and those dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the underwriters and/or commissions from the purchasers for which they may act as agent. Unless otherwise indicated in a prospectus supplement, an agent will be acting on a best efforts basis and a dealer will purchase securities as a principal, and may then resell the securities at varying prices to be determined by the dealer. Any compensation paid to underwriters, dealers or agents in connection with the offering of the securities, and any discounts, concessions or commissions allowed by underwriters to participating dealers will be provided in the applicable prospectus supplement. Underwriters, dealers and agents participating in the distribution of the securities may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act, and any discounts and

commissions received by them and any profit realized by them on resale of the securities may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions. We may enter into agreements to indemnify underwriters, dealers and agents against civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribute to payments they may be required to make in respect thereof and to reimburse those persons for certain expenses.

Any common stock issued by us under this prospectus will be listed on The NASDAQ Capital Market, but any other securities may or may not be listed on a national securities exchange. To facilitate the offering of securities, certain persons participating in the offering may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of the securities. This may include over-allotments or short sales of the securities, which involve the sale by persons participating in the offering of more securities than were sold to them. In these circumstances, these persons would cover such over-allotments or short positions by making purchases in the open market or by exercising their over-allotment option, if any. In addition, these persons may stabilize or maintain the price of the securities by bidding for or purchasing securities in the open market or by imposing penalty bids, whereby selling concessions allowed to dealers participating in the offering may be reclaimed if securities sold by them are repurchased in connection with stabilization transactions. The effect of these transactions may be to stabilize or maintain the market price of the securities at a level above that which might otherwise prevail in the open market. These transactions may be discontinued at any time.

If indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, underwriters or other persons acting as agents may be authorized to solicit offers by institutions or other suitable purchasers to purchase the securities at the public offering price set forth in the prospectus supplement pursuant to delayed delivery contracts providing for payment and delivery on the date or dates stated in the prospectus supplement. These purchasers may include, among others, commercial and savings banks, insurance companies, pension funds, investment companies and educational and charitable institutions. We may engage in at the market offerings into an existing trading market in accordance with Rule 415(a)(4) under the Securities Act. In addition, we may enter into derivative transactions with third parties, or sell securities not covered by this prospectus to third parties in privately negotiated transactions. If the applicable prospectus supplement so indicates, in connection with those derivatives, the third parties may sell securities covered by this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, including in short sale transactions. If so, the third party may use securities pledged by us or borrowed from us or others to settle those sales or to close out any related open borrowings of stock, and may use securities received from us in settlement of those derivatives to close out any related open borrowings of stock. The third party in such sale transactions will be an underwriter and will be named in the applicable prospectus supplement. In addition, we may otherwise loan or pledge securities to a financial institution or other third party that in turn may sell the securities short using this prospectus and an applicable prospectus supplement. Such financial institution or other third party may transfer its economic short position to investors in our securities or in connection with a concurrent offering of other securities.

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

In compliance with the guidelines of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA"), the maximum consideration or discount to be received by any FINRA member or independent broker dealer may not exceed 8% of the aggregate proceeds of the offering.

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

## LEGAL MATTERS

TroyGould PC, Los Angeles, California, has issued an opinion regarding certain legal matters relating to the issuance of the securities offered by this prospectus. As of January 1, 2018, certain attorneys employed by TroyGould PC beneficially owned, in the aggregate, less than one percent of our common stock. Additional legal matters may be passed upon for us, any underwriters, dealers or agents by counsel that we will name in the applicable prospectus supplement.

## EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of Kindred Biosciences, Inc. incorporated in this prospectus by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of KMJ Corbin & Company LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

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