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## T2 Biosystems, Inc. 101 Hartwell Ave. Lexington, MA 02421

## NOTICE OF 2015 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of T2 Biosystems, Inc. will be held on Friday, June 19, 2015, at 9 a.m. Eastern Time, at our headquarters located at 101 Hartwell Ave., Lexington, Massachusetts 02421. The purpose of the meeting is the following:

1. to elect two directors, John McDonough and Harry Wilcox, to serve as Class I directors until the 2018 annual meeting of stockholders and until their successors are duly elected and qualified, subject to their earlier resignation or removal;

2. to ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015; and

3. to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or at any and all adjournments or postponements thereof.

The proposal for the election of directors relates solely to the election of Class I directors nominated by the Board of Directors.

Only T2 Biosystems, Inc. stockholders of record at the close of business on April 20, 2015 will be entitled to vote at the meeting and any adjournment or postponement thereof.

We are pleased to take advantage of Securities and Exchange Commission rules that allow companies to furnish their proxy materials over the Internet. We are mailing to many of our stockholders a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials instead of a paper copy of our proxy materials and our 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K. The Notice contains instructions on how to access those documents and to cast your vote via the Internet. The Notice also contains instructions on how to request a paper copy of our proxy materials and our 2014 Annual Report on Form 10-K. All stockholders who do not receive a Notice will receive a paper copy of the proxy materials and the Annual Report by mail. This process allows us to provide our stockholders with the information they need on a more timely basis, while reducing the environmental impact and lowering the costs of printing and distributing our proxy materials.

Your vote is important. Whether or not you are able to attend the meeting in person, it is important that your shares be represented. To ensure that your vote is recorded promptly, please vote as soon as possible, even if you plan to attend the meeting, by submitting your proxy via the Internet at the address listed on the proxy card or by signing, dating and returning the proxy card.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

John McDonough Chief Executive Officer, President, and Director

Lexington, Massachusetts April 30, 2015

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## T2 BIOSYSTEMS, INC. PROXY STATEMENT FOR THE 2015 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Our Board of Directors (the "Board of Directors" or "Board") has made this Proxy Statement and related materials available to you on the Internet, or at your request has delivered printed versions to you by mail, in connection with the Board of Directors' solicitation of proxies for our 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting"), and any adjournment of the Annual Meeting. If you requested printed versions of these materials by mail, they will also include a proxy card for the Annual Meeting.

Pursuant to rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), we are providing access to our proxy materials over the Internet. Accordingly, we are sending a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the "Notice") to our stockholders of record and beneficial owners as of the record date identified below. The mailing of the Notice to our stockholders is scheduled to begin by April 30, 2015.

# IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE INTERNET AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE ANNUAL STOCKHOLDERS MEETING TO BE HELD ON JUNE 19, 2015: This proxy statement, the accompanying proxy card or voting instruction card and our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K are available at http://www.proxyvote.com.

In this Proxy Statement, the terms "T2 Biosystems," "we," "us," and "our" refer to T2 Biosystems, Inc. The mailing address of our principal executive offices is T2 Biosystems, Inc., 101 Hartwell Ave., Lexington, MA 02421.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

We are an "emerging growth company" under applicable federal securities laws and therefore permitted to take advantage of certain reduced public company reporting requirements. As an emerging growth company, we provide in this proxy statement the scaled disclosure permitted under the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012 (the "JOBS Act"), including the compensation disclosures required of a "smaller reporting company," as that term is defined in Rule 12b-2 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. In addition, as an emerging growth company, we are not required to conduct votes seeking approval, on an advisory basis, of the compensation of our named executive officers or the frequency with which such votes must be conducted. We will remain an "emerging growth company" until the earliest of (i) the last day of the fiscal year in which we have total annual gross revenues of \$1 billion or more; (ii) December 31, 2017; (iii) the date on which we have issued more than \$1 billion in nonconvertible debt during the previous three years; or (iv) the date on which we are deemed to be a large accelerated filer under the rules of the SEC.

## Stockholders Entitled to Vote; Record Date

As of the close of business on April 20, 2015, the record date for determination of stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting, there were outstanding 20,204,969 shares of our common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, all of which are entitled to vote with respect to all matters to be acted upon at the Annual Meeting. Each stockholder of record is entitled to one vote for each share of our common stock held by such stockholder. No shares of T2 Biosystems preferred stock were outstanding as of April 20, 2015.

## Quorum; Abstentions; Broker Non-Votes

Our By-laws provide that a majority of the shares entitled to vote, present in person or represented by proxy, will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at the Annual Meeting. Under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, shares that are voted "abstain" or "withheld" and broker "non-votes" are counted as present for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present at the Annual Meeting.

Under our By-laws, any proposal other than an election of directors is decided by a majority of the votes properly cast for and against such proposal, except where a larger vote is required by law or by our Certificate of Incorporation or By-laws. Abstentions and broker "non-votes" are not included in the tabulation of the voting results on any such proposal and, therefore, do not have the effect of votes in opposition to such proposals. A broker "non-vote" occurs when a nominee holding shares for a beneficial owner does not vote on a particular proposal because the nominee does not have discretionary voting power with respect to that item and has not received instructions from the beneficial owner.

If your shares are held in "street name" by a brokerage firm, your brokerage firm is required to vote your shares according to your instructions. If you do not give instructions to your brokerage firm, the brokerage firm will still be able to vote your shares with respect to certain "discretionary" items, but will not be allowed to vote your shares with respect to "non-discretionary" items. Proposal 1 is a "non-discretionary" item. If you do not instruct your broker how to vote with respect to those proposals, your broker may not vote for those proposals, and those votes will be counted as broker "non-votes." Proposal 2 is considered to be a discretionary item, and your brokerage firm will be able to vote on this proposal even if it does not receive instructions from you.

#### Voting

#### In Person

If you are a stockholder of record, you may vote in person at the meeting. We will give you a ballot when you arrive. If you hold your shares through a bank or broker and wish to vote in person at the meeting, you must obtain a valid proxy from the firm that holds your shares. No appraisal rights are available under Delaware Law or under the Current Certificate or the Company's Amended and Restated Bylaws to any stockholder who dissents from this proposal.

## By Proxy

If you do not wish to vote in person or will not be attending the meeting, you may vote by proxy. You can vote by proxy over the Internet by following the instructions provided in the Notice, or, if you requested printed copies of the proxy materials by mail, you can vote by mailing your proxy as described in the proxy materials. You may also authorize another person or persons to act for you as proxy in a writing, signed by you or your authorized representative, specifying the details of those proxies' authority. The original writing must be given to each of the named proxies, although it may be sent to them by electronic transmission if, from that transmission, it can be determined that the transmission was authorized by you. If you complete and submit your proxy before the meeting, the persons named as proxies will vote the shares represented by your proxy in accordance with your instructions. If you submit a proxy without giving voting instructions, your shares will be voted in the manner recommended by the Board of Directors on all matters presented in this Proxy Statement, and as the persons named as proxies may determine in their discretion with respect to any other matters properly presented at the meeting.

If any other matters are properly presented for consideration at the Annual Meeting, including, among other things, consideration of a motion to adjourn the Annual Meeting to another time or place

(including, without limitation, for the purpose of soliciting additional proxies), the persons named in the enclosed proxy card and acting thereunder will have discretion to vote on those matters in accordance with their best judgment. We do not currently anticipate that any other matters will be raised at the Annual Meeting.

#### **Revocability of Proxy**

You may revoke your proxy by (1) following the instructions on the Notice and entering a new vote by mail or over the Internet before the Annual Meeting or (2) attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person (although attendance at the Annual Meeting will not in and of itself revoke a proxy). Any written notice of revocation or subsequent proxy card must be received by our Secretary prior to the taking of the vote at the Annual Meeting. Such written notice of revocation or subsequent proxy card should be hand delivered to our Secretary or sent to our principal executive offices at T2 Biosystems, Inc., 101 Hartwell Ave., Lexington, MA 02421, Attention: Corporate Secretary.

If a broker, bank, or other nominee holds your shares, you must contact them in order to find out how to change your vote.

#### **Expenses of Solicitation**

T2 Biosystems is making this solicitation and will pay the entire cost of preparing and distributing the Notice and these proxy materials and soliciting votes. If you choose to access the proxy materials or vote over the Internet, you are responsible for any Internet access charges that you may incur. Our officers and employees may, without compensation other than their regular compensation, solicit proxies through further mailings, personal conversations, facsimile transmissions, e-mails, or otherwise. We have hired Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. to assist us in the distribution of proxy materials and the solicitation of votes described above. Proxy solicitation expenses that we will pay include those for preparation, mailing, returning, and tabulating the proxies.

## Procedure for Submitting Stockholder Proposals

Stockholder proposals intended to be presented at the next annual meeting of our stockholders must satisfy the requirements set forth in the advance notice provision under our By-laws. To be timely for our next annual meeting of stockholders, any such proposal must be delivered in writing to our Secretary at our principal executive offices between the close of business on February 21, 2016, and March 21, 2016. If the date of the next annual meeting of the stockholders is scheduled to take place before May 20, 2016, or after August 18, 2016, notice by the stockholder must be delivered no earlier than the 120<sup>th</sup> day prior to such annual meeting and no later than the close of business on the later of (1) the 90<sup>th</sup> day prior to such annual meeting or (2) the 10<sup>th</sup> day following the day on which public announcement of the date of such meeting is first made.

In addition, any stockholder proposal intended to be included in the proxy statement for the next annual meeting of our stockholders must also satisfy the SEC regulations under Rule 14a-8 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and be received not later than December 31, 2015. If the date of the annual meeting is moved by more than 30 days from the date contemplated at the time of the previous year's proxy statement, then notice must be received within a reasonable time before we begin to print and send proxy materials. If that happens, we will publicly announce the deadline for submitting a proposal in a press release or in a document filed with the SEC.

## **OVERVIEW OF PROPOSALS**

This Proxy Statement contains two proposals requiring stockholder action. Proposal 1 requests the election of two directors to the Board of Directors. Proposal 2 requests the ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015. Each of the proposals is discussed in more detail in the pages that follow.

## **PROPOSAL 1**

## **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

The Board of Directors is divided into three classes. One class is elected each year at the annual meeting of stockholders for a term of three years. Vacancies on the Board of Directors are filled exclusively by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors, even if less than a quorum is present, and not by stockholders. A director elected by the Board of Directors to fill a vacancy in a class shall hold office for the remainder of the full term of that class, and until the director's successor is duly elected and qualified or until his or her earlier resignation, death, or removal.

The terms of the Class I directors are scheduled to expire on the date of the upcoming Annual Meeting. Based on the recommendation of the nominating and corporate governance committee of the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors' nominees for election by the stockholders are two of the current Class I members: John McDonough and Harry Wilcox. If elected, each nominee will serve as a director until the annual meeting of stockholders in 2018 and until his successor is duly elected and qualified, or until his earlier death, resignation, or removal. Alan Crane, a current Class I member, is not standing for re-election and will no longer serve on our Board of Directors following the Annual Meeting.

The names of and certain information about the directors in each of the three classes are set forth below. There are no family relationships among any of our directors or executive officers.

It is intended that the proxy in the form presented will be voted, unless otherwise indicated, for the election of the Class I director nominees to the Board of Directors. If any of the nominees should for any reason be unable or unwilling to serve at any time prior to the Annual Meeting, the proxies will be voted for the election of such substitute nominee as the Board of Directors may designate.

## **Nominees for Class I Directors**

The names of the nominees for Class I directors and certain information about each as of April 20, 2015 are set forth below.

|                |   | Director |     |
|----------------|---|----------|-----|
| Name           | Positions and Offices Held with T2 Biosystems | Since    | Age |
| Harry Wilcox   | Director                                      | 2011     | 60  |
| John McDonough | Chief Executive Officer, President and        |          |     |
|                | Director                                      | 2007     | 55  |
|                | 4   |          |     |

## **Directors Not Standing for Election or Re-Election**

The names of and certain information as of April 20, 2015 about the members of the Board of Directors who are not standing for election or re-election at this year's Annual Meeting are set forth below.

| Name                   | Positions and Offices<br>Held with T2 Biosystems | Director<br>Since | Class and Year<br>in Which Term<br>Will Expire | Age |
|------------------------|--|-------------------|--|-----|
| Alan Crane             | Director   | 2007              | Class I-2015                                   | 51  |
| Joshua Bilenker, M.D.  | Director   | 2011              | Class II-2016                                  | 43  |
| Thomas Carella         | Director   | 2013              | Class II-2016                                  | 40  |
| Michael J. Cima, Ph.D. | Director   | 2006              | Class II-2016                                  | 55  |
| John W. Cumming        | Director   | 2014              | Class III-2017                                 | 69  |
| David Elsbree          | Director   | 2014              | Class III-2017                                 | 67  |
| Stanley N. Lapidus     | Director   | 2008              | Class III-2017                                 | 65  |

Set forth below are the biographies of each director, as well as a discussion of the particular experience, qualifications, attributes, and skills that led our Board of Directors to conclude that each person nominated to serve or currently serving on our Board of Directors should serve as a director. In addition to the information presented below, we believe that each director meets the minimum qualifications established by the nominating and corporate governance committee of our Board of Directors.

John McDonough has served as our President and Chief Executive Officer and a member of our Board of Directors since November 2007. From 2003 to 2007, Mr. McDonough held various positions at Cytyc Corporation, a company engaged in the design, development, manufacturing and marketing of clinical products that focus on women's health, where he ultimately served as President of Cytyc Development Corporation. Mr. McDonough received his B.S.B.A. from Stonehill College. Mr. McDonough's extensive management experience as a senior executive and his diagnostic company experience contributed to our Board of Directors' conclusion that he should serve as a director of our company.

*Joshua Bilenker, M.D.* has served as a member of our Board of Directors since 2011. Dr. Bilenker is Chief Executive Officer of Loxo Oncology, a biotechnology company focused on cancer therapeutics. He is also a partner at Aisling Capital, a position he has held since 2006. Prior to Aisling Capital, Dr. Bilenker was a Medical Officer in the Office of Oncology Drug Products at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, or FDA, from 2004 to 2006. Dr. Bilenker received his M.D. from The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and his B.A. from Princeton University. Dr. Bilenker's extensive experience at the FDA and as an investor in life science companies contributed to our Board of Directors' conclusion that he should serve as a director of our company.

*Thomas J. Carella* has served as a member of our Board of Directors since March 2013. Mr. Carella is a Managing Director in the Merchant Banking Division of Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Global Head of the division's private equity activities in the healthcare sector, a position he has held since 2012. He previously served on the board of directors of KAR Auction Services, a provider of vehicle auction services in North America, from 2007 to 2013. Mr. Carella received his B.A. from Harvard College and his M.B.A. from Harvard Business School. Mr. Carella's management experience, including his extensive experience in business strategy for healthcare companies, contributed to our Board of Directors' conclusion that he should serve as a director of our company.

*Michael J. Cima, Ph.D.* is one of our founders and has served as a member of our Board of Directors since 2006. Since 1986, Dr. Cima has been a Professor of Materials Science and Engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, or MIT, and he currently holds the David H. Koch

Engineering Chair and an appointment at the Koch Institute for Integrative Cancer Research. Dr. Cima received his B.S. in chemistry and his Ph.D. in chemical engineering, both from the University of California at Berkeley. Dr. Cima's extensive life science experience and knowledge of the diagnostics industry contributed to our Board of Directors' conclusion that he should serve as a director of our company.

*Alan Crane* has served as a member of our Board of Directors since November 2007. Mr. Crane joined Polaris Partners in 2002 and is a partner and entrepreneur focused on building and investing in healthcare companies. From 2006 to 2009, he served as Chief Executive Officer and co-founder of Cerulean Pharma, Inc., an oncology company. From 2002 to 2006, Mr. Crane served as Chief Executive Officer and, from 2001 to 2010, a director of Momenta Pharmaceuticals, a biotechnology company. Prior to Momenta, Mr. Crane held the position of Senior Vice President of Corporate Development at Millennium Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Mr. Crane received his M.B.A., M.A. and B.A. from Harvard University. Mr. Crane's breadth of management experience in the life science industry contributed to our Board of Directors' conclusion that he should serve as a director of our company.

*John W. Cumming* has served as a member of our Board of Directors since July 2014. Mr. Cumming currently serves as Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director of Cumming & Associates LLC, a strategic advisory firm serving the healthcare industry. From August 2000 until December 2013, Mr. Cumming served in a number of leadership roles at Hologic Inc., a diagnostics company, including as Chief Executive Officer from 2001 through 2009 and again from July 2013 through December 2013, as President from 2001 until 2003, as Chairman of the Board from 2002 until 2007 and again from 2008 through 2011, and as Global Strategic Advisor from 2011 through July 2013. Mr. Cumming attended the University of South Carolina. Mr. Cumming's extensive knowledge of and experience with diagnostic product companies and expertise as a strategic advisor focused on the healthcare industry contributed to our Board of Directors' conclusion that he should serve as a director of our company.

*David Elsbree* has served as a member of our Board of Directors since July 2014. From 1970 until 2004, Mr. Elsbree was employed by Deloitte & Touche, most recently as a senior partner. Mr. Elsbree served in a number of leadership roles in the firm's high technology practice, including partner-in-charge of the New England High Technology Practice. Mr. Elsbree served on the board of directors of Art Technology Group, Inc. from June 2004 until January 2011 and on the board of directors of Acme Packet, Inc. from November 2006 until March 2013. Mr. Elsbree received his B.A. from Northeastern University. Mr. Elsbree's extensive knowledge of and experience with technology companies and financial expertise contributed to our Board of Directors' conclusion that he should serve as a director of our company.

*Stanley N. Lapidus* has served as a member of our Board of Directors since August 2008. Mr. Lapidus is President and Chief Executive Officer of SynapDx, an autism early detection company he founded in 2009. From 2003 to 2008, Mr. Lapidus was Chief Executive Officer of Helicos Biosciences, a life science company he co-founded in 2003. From 1995 to 2001, he was Chief Executive Officer of EXACT Sciences, a colorectal cancer diagnostics company he founded in 1995. From 1987 to 1994, he was Chief Executive Officer of Cytyc Corp., a cervical cancer diagnostics company he founded in 1987. Mr. Lapidus holds an academic appointment at MIT. He received his B.S. in engineering from Cooper Union. Mr. Lapidus' experience as a senior executive and his knowledge of life science companies contributed to our Board of Directors' conclusion that he should serve as a director of our company.



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*Harry W. Wilcox* has served as a member of our Board of Directors since January 2011. Mr. Wilcox has been Chief Operating Officer and General Partner of Flagship Ventures, a venture capital firm, since 2013. From 2006 to 2013, he was Chief Financial Officer and Partner of Flagship Ventures. From 2004 to 2006, he was Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice President of Corporate Development of EXACT Sciences. Mr. Wilcox received his M.B.A. from Boston University and his B.S. in Finance from the University of Arizona. Mr. Wilcox's experience leading successful healthcare and technology companies, and his experience as a venture investor, contributed to our Board of Directors' conclusion that he should serve as a director of our company.

## Vote Required and Board of Directors' Recommendation

Directors will be elected by a plurality of the votes cast by the stockholders entitled to vote on this proposal at the Annual Meeting. Broker non-votes and proxies marked to withhold authority with respect to one or more Class I directors will not be treated as votes cast for this purpose and, therefore, will not affect the outcome of the election.

The proposal for the election of directors relates solely to the election of Class I directors nominated by the Board of Directors.

## The Board of Directors recommends that stockholders vote FOR the election of each of the Class I director nominees listed above.

## **PROPOSAL 2**

## **RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS**

The audit committee has appointed Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015. The Board of Directors recommends that stockholders vote for ratification of this appointment. If this proposal is not approved at the Annual Meeting, the audit committee will reconsider its appointment. Even if the appointment is ratified, the audit committee may, in its discretion, direct the appointment of a different independent registered accounting firm at any time during the year if the audit committee determines that such a change would be in our stockholders' best interests.

Ernst & Young LLP has audited our financial statements for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013. We expect representatives of Ernst & Young LLP to be present at the Annual Meeting and available to respond to appropriate questions. They will have the opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so.

## Ernst & Young LLP Fees

The following table sets forth fees billed for professional audit services and other services rendered to us by Ernst & Young LLP and its affiliates for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013.

|                    | Fiscal 2014     | Fi | scal 2013 |
|--------------------|-----------------|----|-----------|
| Audit Fees         | \$<br>1,125,000 | \$ | 50,000    |
| Audit-Related Fees |                 |    |           |
| Tax Fees           | 4,000           |    |           |
| All Other Fees     | 2,000           |    |           |
|                    |                 |    |           |
| Total              | \$<br>1,131,000 | \$ | 50,000    |
|                    |                 |    |           |

Audit Fees. Audit fees consist of fees billed for professional services performed by Ernst & Young LLP for the audit of our annual consolidated financial statements, the review of interim consolidated financial statements, and related services that are normally provided in connection with

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registration statements. Included in the fiscal 2014 audit fees is \$800,000 of fees billed in connection with our initial public offering.

Audit-Related Fees. Audit related fees consist of fees billed by Ernst & Young LLP for assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of our consolidated financial statements. There were no such fees incurred in fiscal 2014 or 2013.

Tax Fees. Tax fees consist of fees for professional services, including tax consulting and compliance performed by Ernst & Young LLP.

All Other Fees. All other fees in fiscal 2014 consist of the license of technical accounting software.

#### Pre-Approval of Audit and Non-Audit Services

It is the policy of our audit committee that all services to be provided by our independent registered public accounting firm, including audit services and permitted audit-related and non-audit services, must be approved in advance by our audit committee.

All Ernst & Young LLP services and fees in the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013 were pre-approved by the audit committee. The fees for the year-end audit for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 were also approved by the audit committee.

## Vote Required and Board of Directors' Recommendation

The approval of Proposal 2 requires that a majority of the votes properly cast vote FOR this proposal. Shares that are voted "abstain" will not affect the outcome of this proposal.

## The Board of Directors recommends that stockholders vote FOR ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm.

## TRANSACTION OF OTHER BUSINESS

The Board of Directors knows of no other matters that will be presented for consideration at the Annual Meeting. If any other matters are properly brought before the Annual Meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the accompanying proxy to vote on such matters in accordance with their best judgment.

## SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth certain information regarding beneficial ownership of our common stock as of April 20, 2015, for: each person known to us to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of our outstanding common stock; each of our named executive officers; each of our directors and nominees; and all of our directors and executive officers as a group.

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC and generally includes voting or investment power with respect to securities. Except as noted by footnote, and subject to community property laws where applicable, we believe based on the information provided to us that the persons and entities named in the table below have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares of our common stock shown as beneficially owned by them.

The table lists applicable percentage ownership based on 20,041,645 shares of our common stock outstanding as of December 31, 2014. The number of shares beneficially owned includes shares of our common stock that each person has the right to acquire within 60 days of December 31, 2014, including upon the exercise of stock options. These stock options shall be deemed to be outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage of outstanding shares of our common stock owned by such

person but shall not be deemed to be outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage of outstanding shares of our common stock owned by any other person

| Name of Beneficial Owner  | Amount and<br>Nature of<br>Ownership | Percentage<br>of Class |
|---|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 5% or Greater Stockholders  | _                                    |                        |
| Entities affiliated with Broad Street Principal Investments, LLC(1) | 3,457,348                            | 17.3                   |
| Entities affiliated with Polaris Partners(2)                        | 2,374,571                            | 11.8                   |
| Entities affiliated with Flagship Ventures Fund(3)                  | 2,374,571                            | 11.8                   |
| Aisling Capital III, L.P.(4)  | 2,523,300                            | 12.6                   |
| Entities affiliated with Gilder, Gagnon, Howe & Co. LLC(5)          | 1,413,976                            | 7.1                    |
| Entities affiliated with Flybridge Capital Partners(6)              | 1,394,133                            | 7.0                    |
| Named Executive Officers and Directors                              |                                      |                        |
| John McDonough(7)   | 583,682                              | 2.9                    |
| Thomas J. Lowery Ph.D.(8)   | 144,861                              | *                      |
| Michael A. Pfaller, M.D.(9)   | 13,234                               | *                      |
| Joshua Bilenker, M.D.(4)  | 2,523,300                            | 12.6                   |
| Thomas J. Carella(1)  | 3,457,348                            | 17.3                   |
| Michael J. Cima, Ph.D.(10)  | 267,618                              | 1.3                    |
| Alan Crane(2)   | 2,404,571                            | 12.0                   |
| John W. Cumming(11)   | 14,705                               | *                      |
| David B. Elsbree(12)  | 31,205                               | *                      |
| Stanley N. Lapidus(13)  | 84,861                               | *                      |
| Harry W. Wilcox(3)  | 2,374,571                            | 11.8                   |
| All executive officers and directors as a group (13 persons)(14)    | 12,058,312                           | 60.2                   |

<sup>\*</sup> 

Less than 1%.

## (1)

Based solely on information set forth in a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC by the Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. on February 17, 2015, this includes (a) 2,140,447 shares of common stock held by Broad Street Principal Investments, LLC, (b) 315,970 shares of common stock held by Bridge Street 2013 Holdings, L.P. and (c) 91,733 shares of common stock held by MBD 2013 Holdings, L.P., collectively the GS Entities. The GS Entities, of which affiliates of the Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. are the general partner, managing general partner or investment manager, share voting and investment power with certain of its respective affiliates. Mr. Thomas J. Carella is a Managing Director of Goldman, Sachs & Co. and may be deemed to have beneficial ownership of the shares held by the GS Entities. The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Mr. Carella each disclaim beneficial ownership of the shares held directly or indirectly by the GS Entities, except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein, if any. The address of the GS Entities, the Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Mr. Carella is c/o The Goldman Sachs Group, 200 West Street, New York, New York 10282.

(2)

Includes (a) 2,291,307 shares of common stock held by Polaris Venture Partners V, L.P., or Polaris V, (b) 44,657 shares of common stock held by Polaris Venture Partners Entrepreneurs' Fund V, L.P., or Polaris E Fund V, (c) 22,912 shares of common stock held by Polaris Venture Partners Special Founders' Fund V, L.P., or Polaris SF Fund V, and (d) 15,695 shares of common stock held by Polaris Venture Partners Founders' Fund V, L.P., or Polaris F Fund, and collectively, the Funds. Each of the Funds has the sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares directly held by it. The general partner of each of the Funds is Polaris Venture Management Co. V, LLC, or Polaris Management. Polaris Management may be deemed to have sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares and disclaims beneficial ownership

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of all the shares held by the Funds except to the extent of its proportionate pecuniary interest therein. The members of North Star Venture Management 2000, LLC, Terrence McGuire and Jonathan Flint, collectively the Management Members, are also members of Polaris Management, and as members of the general partner, they may be deemed to share voting and investment power over the shares held by the Funds. The Management Members disclaim beneficial ownership of such shares, except to the extent of their proportionate pecuniary interest therein. Alan Crane, one of our directors, is a partner of Polaris Management. Mr. Crane disclaims beneficial ownership of all the shares held by the Funds except to the extent of his proportionate pecuniary interest therein. Mr. Crane has the sole voting and investment power with respect to 30,000 shares. The mailing address of the beneficial owner is c/o Polaris Partners, 1000 Winter Street, Suite 3350, Waltham, MA 02451.

(3)

Based solely on information set forth in a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC by Flagship Ventures Fund 2004, L.P., this includes (a) 1,632,816 shares of common stock held by Flagship Ventures Fund 2004, L.P. and (b) 741,755 shares of common stock held by Flagship Ventures Fund IV, L.P., or, collectively, Flagship. The general partner of Flagship is Flagship Ventures General Partner LLC, or Flagship LLC. Harry W. Wilcox, one of our directors, is a Member of Flagship LLC. As a result, each of Flagship LLC and Mr. Wilcox may be deemed to possess voting and investment control over, and may be deemed to have indirect beneficial ownership with respect to, all shares held by Flagship. Neither Flagship LLC nor Mr. Wilcox owns directly any of the shares. Each of Flagship LLC and Mr. Wilcox disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by Flagship except to the extent of their pecuniary interest therein. The mailing address of the beneficial owner is One Memorial Drive, 7th Floor, Cambridge, MA 02142.

#### (4)

Based solely on information set forth in a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC by Aisling Capital III, L.P. The general partner of Aisling Capital III, L.P., or AC III, is Aisling Capital Partners III, L.P., or ACP III. The investment manager of ACP III is Aisling Capital, LLC, or Aisling Capital. Joshua Bilenker, M.D., a member of our Board of Directors, is a managing member of Aisling Capital. Each of Aisling Capital, ACP III and Dr. Bilenker may be deemed to beneficially own the shares held by AC III. Each of Aisling Capital, ACP III and Dr. Bilenker disclaims any beneficial ownership of the shares owned by AC III except to the extent of their pecuniary interest in such entity. The mailing address of the beneficial owner is 888 Seventh Avenue, 29<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York, NY 10016.

(5)

Based solely on information set forth in a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC by Gilder, Gagnon, Howe & Co. LLC on February 10, 2015, this includes 1,107,987 shares held in customer accounts over which partners and/or employees of Gilder, Gagnon, Howe & Co. LLC have discretionary authority to dispose of or direct the disposition of the shares, 28,213 shares held in the account of the profit sharing plan of Gilder, Gagnon, Howe & Co. LLC, and 277,776 shares held in accounts owned by the partners of Gilder, Gagnon, Howe & Co. LLC and their families. The mailing address of the beneficial owner is 3 Columbus Circle, 26<sup>th</sup> Floor, New York 10019.

(6)

Includes (a) 1,341,011 shares of common stock held by Flybridge Capital Partners II, L.P., or FCP II, and (b) 53,122 shares of common stock held by Flybridge Capital Partners I, L.P., or FCP I, collectively the Flybridge Entities. The general partner of the Flybridge Entities is Flybridge Capital Partners GP I, LLC and Flybridge Capital Partners GP II, LLC (collectively the "Flybridge General Partners"). The mailing address of the beneficial owner is c/o Flybridge Capital Partners, 500 Boylston Street, 18th Floor, Boston, MA 02116.

(7)

Consists of (a) 154,763 shares of common stock and (b) 428,919 shares of common stock which Mr. McDonough has the right to acquire pursuant to outstanding stock options which are or will be immediately exercisable within 60 days of December 31, 2014.

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(8) Consists of (a) 5,882 shares of common stock and (b) 138,979 shares of common stock which Dr. Lowery has the right to acquire pursuant to outstanding stock options which are or will be immediately exercisable within 60 days of December 31, 2014.

(9)

Consists of 13,234 shares of common stock which Dr. Pfaller has the right to acquire pursuant to outstanding stock options which are or will be immediately exercisable within 60 days of December 31, 2014.

(10)

Consists of (a) 181,018 shares of common stock and (b) 86,600 shares of common stock which Dr. Cima has the right to acquire pursuant to outstanding stock options which are or will be immediately exercisable within 60 days of December 31, 2014.

(11)

Consists of 14,705 shares of common stock which Mr. Cumming has the right to acquire pursuant to outstanding stock options which are or will be immediately exercisable within 60 days of December 31, 2014.

#### (12)

Consists of (a) 14,000 shares of common stock held by Mr. Elsbree, (b) 2,500 shares of common stock held my Mr. Elsbree's spouse, and (c) 14,705 shares of common stock which Mr. Elsbree has the right to acquire pursuant to outstanding stock options which are or will be immediately exercisable within 60 days of December 31, 2014.

#### (13)

Consists of 84,861 shares of common stock which Mr. Lapidus has the right to acquire pursuant to outstanding stock options which are or will be immediately exercisable within 60 days of December 31, 2014.

#### (14)

Consists of (a) 11,137,953 shares of common stock and (b) 920,359 shares of common stock which our directors and executive officers as a group have the right to acquire pursuant to outstanding stock options which are or will be immediately exercisable within 60 days of December 31, 2014.

## **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

The following table identifies our executive officers and sets forth their current position(s) at T2 Biosystems and their ages as of April 20, 2015.

| Name           | Age | Position  |
|----------------|-----|---|
| John McDonough | 55  | President, Chief Executive Officer and Director |
| Marc R. Jones  |     |   |