Registration No. 333-232260

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

Amendment No. 2 to

FORM S-1

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

FULCRUM THERAPEUTICS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

2834

(Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number)

47-4839948 (LR.S. Employer

Identification Number)

26 Landsdowne Street Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139 (617) 651-8851

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

Robert J. Gould, Ph.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer
Fulcrum Therapeutics, Inc.
26 Landsdowne Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139
(617) 651-8851

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Copies to:

Lia Der Marderosian, Esq. Steven D. Singer, Esq. Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP 60 State Street Boston, Massachusetts 02109 (617) 526-6000 Bryan E. Stuart Chief Operating Officer Fulcrum Therapeutics, Inc. 26 Landsdowne Street Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139 (617) 651-8851 Patrick O'Brien, Esq. Emily Oldshue, Esq. Ropes & Gray LLP Prudential Tower 800 Boylston Street Boston, MA 02199 (617) 951-7000

Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to public:

As soon as practicable after this Registration Statement is declared effective.

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

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

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

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

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

Title of Each Class of Securities to Be Registered	Amount to be Registered ⁽¹⁾	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share ⁽²⁾	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price ⁽²⁾	Amount of Registration Fee ⁽³⁾⁽⁴⁾
Common stock, par value \$0.001 per share	5,175,000	\$18.00	\$93,150,000	\$11,290

- $(1) \hspace{1cm} \textbf{Includes 675,000 shares of common stock the underwriters have an option to purchase.} \\$
- (2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.
- (3) Calculated pursuant to Rule 457(a) based on an estimate of the proposed maximum aggregate offering price.
- $(4) \hspace{1cm} \hbox{A registration fee of $11,290 was previously paid in connection with the Registration Statement.} \\$

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

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1 of Fulcrum Therapeutics, Inc. (File No. 333-232260) (the "Registration Statement") is an exhibits-only filing to file certain exhibits and restate the list of exhibits set forth in Item 16 of Part II of the Registration Statement. Accordingly, this Amendment No. 2 consists only of the facing page, this explanatory note, Part II of the Registration Statement, the signature page and the exhibits filed herewith. The prospectus is unchanged and has therefore been omitted from this filing.

PART II INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

Item 13. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.

The following table sets forth the expenses to be incurred in connection with the offering described in this Registration Statement, other than underwriting discounts and commissions, all of which will be paid by the Registrant. All amounts are estimates except the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, registration fee, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. filing fee and the Nasdaq Global Market initial listing fee.

		Amount
Securities and Exchange Commission registration fee	\$	11,290
Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. filing fee		14,473
Nasdaq Global Market initial listing fee		150,000
Accountants' fees and expenses		800,000
Legal fees and expenses		1,700,000
Transfer agent's fees and expenses		5,000
Printing and engraving expenses		175,000
Miscellaneous		44,237
Total expenses	\$ 2	2,900,000

Item 14. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Section 102 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, or the DGCL, permits a corporation to eliminate the personal liability of its directors or its stockholders for monetary damages for a breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except where the director breached his or her duty of loyalty, failed to act in good faith, engaged in intentional misconduct or knowingly violated a law, authorized the payment of a dividend or approved a stock repurchase in violation of Delaware corporate law or obtained an improper personal benefit. Our certificate of incorporation that will be effective upon the closing of this offering provides that no director shall be personally liable to us or our stockholders for monetary damages for any breach of fiduciary duty as a director, notwithstanding any provision of law imposing such liability, except to the extent that the DGCL prohibits the elimination or limitation of liability of directors for breaches of fiduciary duty.

Section 145 of the DGCL provides that a corporation has the power to indemnify a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation and certain other persons serving at the request of the corporation in related capacities against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlements actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with an action, suit or proceeding to which he or she is or is threatened to be made a party by reason of such position, if such person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, in any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful, except that, in the case of actions brought by or in the right of the corporation, no indemnification shall be made with respect to any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery or other adjudicating court determines that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all of the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification for such expenses which the Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper.

Our certificate of incorporation that will be effective upon the closing of the offering provides that we will indemnify each person who was or is a party or threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative

(other than an action by or in the right of us), by reason of the fact that he or she is or was, or has agreed to become, our director or officer, or is or was serving, or has agreed to serve, at our request as a director, officer, partner, employee or trustee of, or in a similar capacity with, another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise (all such persons being referred to as an Indemnitee), or by reason of any action alleged to have been taken or omitted in such capacity, against all expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred in connection with such action, suit or proceeding and any appeal therefrom if such Indemnitee acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, our best interests, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, he or she had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful.

Our certificate of incorporation that will be effective upon the closing of the offering also provides that we will indemnify any Indemnitee who was or is a party to an action or suit by or in the right of us to procure a judgment in our favor by reason of the fact that the Indemnitee is or was, or has agreed to become, our director or officer, or is or was serving, or has agreed to serve, at our request as a director, officer, partner, employee or trustee of, or in a similar capacity with, another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, or by reason of any action alleged to have been taken or omitted in such capacity, against all expenses (including attorneys' fees) and, to the extent permitted by law, amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, and any appeal therefrom, if the Indemnitee acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, our best interests, except that no indemnification shall be made with respect to any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to us, unless a court determines that, despite such adjudication but in view of all of the circumstances, he or she is entitled to indemnification of such expenses. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent that any Indemnitee has been successful, on the merits or otherwise, he or she will be indemnified by us against all expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him or her or on his or her behalf in connection therewith. If we do not assume the defense, expenses must be advanced to an Indemnitee under certain circumstances.

In addition, we intend to enter into indemnification agreements with all of our executive officers and directors prior to the completion of this offering. In general, these agreements provide that we will indemnify the executive officer or director to the fullest extent permitted by law for claims arising in his or her capacity as an executive officer or director of our company or in connection with his or her service at our request for another corporation or entity. The indemnification agreements also provide for procedures that will apply in the event that an executive officer or director makes a claim for indemnification and establish certain presumptions that are favorable to the executive officer or director.

We maintain a general liability insurance policy that covers certain liabilities of our directors and officers arising out of claims based on acts or omissions in their capacities as directors or officers.

The underwriting agreement we will enter into in connection with the offering of common stock being registered hereby provides that the underwriters will indemnify, under certain conditions, our directors and officers (as well as certain other persons) against certain liabilities arising in connection with such offering.

Insofar as the foregoing provisions permit indemnification of directors, executive officers or persons controlling us for liability arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, we have been informed that, in the opinion of the SEC, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

Item 15. Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities.

Set forth below is information regarding shares of our common stock, shares of our preferred stock and stock options granted by us within the past three years that were not registered under the Securities Act. Also included is the consideration, if any, received by us for such shares and options and information

relating to the section of the Securities Act, or rule of the SEC, under which exemption from registration was claimed.

(a) Issuances of Preferred Stock and Convertible Promissory Notes

On April 14, 2016, we issued and sold a convertible promissory note to one investor in the aggregate principal amount of \$3,500,000. The note accrued interest at a rate of 6% per annum. On July 18, 2016, all principal and accrued but unpaid interest under the note was converted into shares of Series A preferred stock, at a price per share of \$1.00.

On July 18, 2016, we issued and sold 11,843,493 shares of our Series A preferred stock to one investor, consisting of (i) 5,156,507 shares sold for cash at a price per share of \$1.00, for an aggregate purchase price of \$5,156,507 and (ii) 6,686,986 shares issued upon conversion of \$6,686,986 in outstanding principal and accrued but unpaid interest under our convertible promissory notes issued on October 15, 2015 and April 14, 2016, at a price per share of \$1.00.

On November 15, 2016, we issued and sold 5,156,507 shares of our Series A preferred stock to one investor at a price per share of \$1.00 in cash, for an aggregate purchase price of \$5,156,507.

On February 17, 2017, we issued and sold 6,333,333 shares of our Series A preferred stock to one investor at a price per share of \$1.00 in cash, for an aggregate purchase price of \$6,333,333.

On April 28, 2017, we issued and sold 5,000,000 shares of our Series A preferred stock to one investor at a price per share of \$1.00 in cash, for an aggregate purchase price of \$5,000,000.

On May 3, 2017, we issued and sold 6,333,333 shares of our Series A preferred stock to two investors at a price per share of \$1.00 in cash, for an aggregate purchase price of \$6,333,333.

On January 4, 2018, we issued and sold 6,333,334 shares of our Series A preferred stock to two investors at a price per share of \$1.00 in cash, for an aggregate purchase price of \$6,333,334.

On March 13, 2018, we issued and sold 6,333,333 shares of our Series A preferred stock to two investors at a price per share of \$1.00 in cash, for an aggregate purchase price of \$6,333,333.

On May 9, 2018, we issued and sold 6,333,333 shares of our Series A preferred stock to two investors at a price per share of \$1.00 in cash, for an aggregate purchase price of \$6,333,333.

On June 6, 2018, we issued and sold 6,333,334 shares of our Series A preferred stock to two investors at a price per share of \$1.00 in cash, for an aggregate purchase price of \$6,333,334.

On August 24, 2018, we issued and sold 40,000,000 shares of our Series B preferred stock to 20 investors at a price per share of \$2.00 in cash, for an aggregate purchase price of \$80,000,000.

On February 8, 2019 we issued 12,500,000 shares of our Series B preferred stock to one investor in exchange for a license.

No underwriters were involved in the foregoing issuances of securities. The securities described in this section (a) of Item 15 were issued to investors in reliance upon the exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act, as set forth in Section 4(a)(2) under the Securities Act and, in certain cases, Regulation D thereunder, relative to transactions by an issuer not involving any public offering, to the extent an exemption from such registration was required. All purchasers received written disclosures that the securities had not been registered under the Securities Act and that any resale must be made pursuant to a registration statement or an available exemption from such registration.

(b) Restricted Common Stock

Between July 12, 2016 and July 12, 2019, we issued an aggregate of 1,085,810 shares of restricted common stock, for cash with purchase prices ranging from \$0.007 to \$0.07 per share, to employees, directors, advisors and consultants pursuant to our 2016 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended.

The shares of common stock described in this section (b) of Item 15 were issued pursuant to written compensatory plans or arrangements with our employees, directors, advisors and consultants, in reliance on the exemption provided by Rule 701 promulgated under the Securities Act, or pursuant to Section 4(a)(2) under the Securities Act, relative to transactions by an issuer not involving any public offering, to the extent an exemption from such registration was required. All recipients either received adequate information about our company or had access, through employment or other relationships, to such information.

(c) Stock Option Grants and Exercises

Between July 12, 2016 and July 12, 2019, we granted options to purchase an aggregate of 1,622,382 shares of common stock, with exercise prices ranging from \$4.83 to \$11.06 per share, to our employees, directors, advisors and consultants pursuant to our 2016 Stock Incentive Plan. Between July 12, 2016 and July 12, 2019, we issued 33,561 shares of our common stock upon the exercise of stock options outstanding under our 2016 Stock Incentive Plan for aggregate consideration of \$251,557.

The stock options and the shares of common stock issued upon the exercise of stock options described in this section (c) of Item 15 were issued pursuant to written compensatory plans or arrangements with our employees, directors, advisors and consultants, in reliance on the exemption provided by Rule 701 promulgated under the Securities Act, or pursuant to Section 4(a)(2) under the Securities Act, relative to transactions by an issuer not involving any public offering, to the extent an exemption from such registration was required. All recipients either received adequate information about our company or had access, through employment or other relationships, to such information.

(a) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibit
1.1*	Form of Underwriting Agreement
3.1*	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, of the Registrant
3.2*	Bylaws of the Registrant
3.3*	Form of Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant (to be effective upon the closing of this offering)
3.4*	Form of Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Registrant (to be effective upon the closing of this offering)
3.5*	Certificate of Amendment of Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, of the Registrant, effective July 5, 2019
4.1*	Specimen Stock Certificate evidencing the shares of common stock
5.1*	Opinion of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP
10.1*	Amended and Restated Investors' Rights Agreement, dated as of August 24, 2018, by and among the Registrant and the other parties thereto
10.2*	2016 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended
10.3*	Form of Incentive Stock Option Agreement under the 2016 Stock Incentive Plan
10.4*	Form of Non-Statutory Stock Option Agreement under the 2016 Stock Incentive Plan
10.5*	Form of Restricted Stock Agreement under the 2016 Stock Incentive Plan
10.6*	2019 Stock Incentive Plan
10.7*	Form of Stock Option Agreement under the 2019 Stock Incentive Plan
10.8*	2019 Employee Stock Purchase Plan
10.9*	Summary of Non-Employee Director Compensation Program
10.10 †*	*Right of Reference and License Agreement, dated as of February 8, 2019, by and among the Registrant, GlaxoSmithKline Intellectual Property (No. 2) Limited, GlaxoSmithKline LLC and Glaxo Group Limited
10.11*	<u>Lease for 26 Landsdowne Street, dated November 22, 2017, by and between the UP 26 Landsdowne, LLC and the Registrant</u>
10.12*	Form of Employment Agreement for Executive Officers
10.13	Employment Agreement, dated June 30, 2019, by and between the Registrant and Robert J. Gould (to be effective upon the effective date of the Registration Statement)
10.14	Employment Agreement, dated July 3, 2019, by and between the Registrant and Bryan Stuart (to be effective upon the effective date of the Registration Statement)
10.15	Employment Agreement, dated June 30, 2019, by and between the Registrant and Diego Cadavid (to be effective upon the effective date of the Registration Statement)
10.16*	Form of Indemnification Agreement between the Registrant and each of its Executive Officers and Directors
21.1*	Subsidiary of the Registrant
23.1*	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm

Exhibit	
Number	Description of Exhibit
23.2*	Consent of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)

- 24.1* Power of Attorney (included on signature page)
- * Previously filed.
- † Certain portions of this exhibit have been omitted because they are not material and would likely cause competitive harm to the Registrant if disclosed.

(b) Financial Statement Schedules

No financial statement schedules are provided because the information called for is not required or is shown either in the financial statements or the related notes.

Item 17. Undertakings.

- (a) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.
 - (b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that:
 - (1) For purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(1) or (4) or 497(h) under the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of this registration statement as of the time it was declared effective.
 - (2) For the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Cambridge, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on this 12th day of July, 2019.

FULCRUM THERAPEUTICS, INC.

By:	/s/ ROBERT J. GOULD
	Robert J. Gould, Ph.D.
	President and Chief Evecutive Officer

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities held on the dates indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
/s/ ROBERT J. GOULD Robert J. Gould, Ph.D.	President and Chief Executive Officer, Director (Principal Executive Officer)	July 12, 2019
/s/ BRYAN STUART Bryan Stuart	Chief Operating Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	July 12, 2019
/s/ PETER THOMSON Peter Thomson	Vice President, Finance & Accounting (Principal Accounting Officer)	July 12, 2019
* Mark Levin	Chairman of the Board	July 12, 2019
* James J. Collins, Ph.D.	Director	July 12, 2019
* Alan Ezekowitz, MBChB, D. Phil	Director	July 12, 2019
* James Geraghty	Director	July 12, 2019

	*	Dinastan	Il. 12 2010
	Kate Haviland	—— Director	July 12, 2019
*By:	/s/ ROBERT J. GOULD		
	Robert J. Gould Attorney-in-fact		

Title

Date

Signature

QuickLinks

EXPLANATORY NOTE

PART II INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

<u>Item 13. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.</u> <u>Item 14. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.</u>

Item 15. Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities.

Item 16. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules.

Item 17. Undertakings.

SIGNATURES

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

THIS EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT (the "Agreement"), is made as of June 30, 2019 by and between Fulcrum Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Company"), and Robert J. Gould (the "Executive") (together, the "Parties").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Company desires to continue to employ the Executive as its President and Chief Executive Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Company and the Executive are party to a letter agreement dated June 12, 2016 (the "Existing Agreement") and desire to amend and restate the Existing Agreement in its entirety; and

WHEREAS, the Executive has agreed to accept such continued employment on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and of the respective covenants and agreements of the Parties herein contained, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

- 1. *Agreement*. This Agreement shall be effective as of the date on which the registration statement relating to the Company's initial public offering (the "Offering") is effective (the "Effective Date"). Following the Effective Date, the Executive shall continue to be an employee of the Company until such employment relationship is terminated in accordance with Section 7 hereof (the "Term of Employment").
- 2. *Position*. During the Term of Employment, the Executive shall serve as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company and shall serve on the Company's board of directors (the "Board"), subject to his reelection thereto from time to time by the Company's stockholders, working out of the Company's office in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and travelling as reasonably required by the Executive's job duties.
- 3. Scope of Employment. During the Term of Employment, the Executive shall be responsible for the performance of those duties consistent with the Executive's position as President and Chief Executive Officer. The Executive shall report to the Board and shall perform and discharge faithfully, diligently, and to the best of the Executive's ability, the Executive's duties and responsibilities hereunder. The Executive shall devote substantially all of the Executive's business time, loyalty, attention and efforts to the business and affairs of the Company and its affiliates. Membership on boards of directors of any other companies will be permitted only with the express approval of the Board; provided, however, that the Executive may engage in community and charitable activities or participate in industry associations and serve on the boards of up to two (2) community, charitable or industry organizations, without the approval of the Board, provided such activities do not create a conflict of interest or otherwise interfere with the Executive's performance of the Executive's duties hereunder. The Executive agrees to abide by the rules, regulations, instructions, personnel practices and policies of the Company and any changes therein that may be adopted from time to time by the Company.

- 4. *Compensation*. As full compensation for all services rendered by the Executive to the Company and any affiliate thereof, during the Term of Employment, the Company will provide to the Executive the following:
- (a) *Base Salary*. Effective as of the Effective Date, the Executive shall receive a base salary at the annualized rate of \$500,000 (the "Base Salary"). The Executive's Base Salary shall be paid in equal installments in accordance with the Company's regularly established payroll procedures. The Executive's Base Salary will be reviewed on an annual or more frequent basis by the Board and is subject to change in the discretion of the Board.
- (b) Annual Discretionary Bonus. Effective as of the Effective Date, the Executive will be eligible to earn an annual performance bonus of up to 45% of the Executive's Base Salary (the "Target Bonus"), based upon the Board's assessment of the Executive's performance and the Company's attainment of targeted goals as set by the Board in its sole discretion. To the extent the Executive's Base Salary and/or target bonus percentage of Base Salary is changed during the year to which the performance bonus relates, the Target Bonus shall be calculated based on base salary actually paid during such year (and not solely on the Executive's Base Salary at the end of such year) and shall apply the initial target bonus percentage of Base Salary and the revised target bonus percentage of Base Salary based on the portion of the year during which each was in effect. The Board may determine to provide the bonus in the form of cash, equity award(s), or a combination of cash and equity. Following the close of each calendar year, the Board will determine whether the Executive has earned a performance bonus, and the amount of any performance bonus, based on the set criteria. No amount of the annual bonus is guaranteed, and the Executive must be an employee in good standing on the date of payment in order to be eligible for any annual bonus, except as specifically set forth below. The annual performance bonus, if earned, will be paid by no later than March 15 of the calendar year after the year to which it relates. The Executive's bonus eligibility will be reviewed on an annual or more frequent basis by the Board and is subject to change in the discretion of the Board.
- (c) *Equity Award*. The Executive will be eligible to receive equity awards, if any, at such times and on such terms and conditions as the Board shall, in its sole discretion, determine.
 - (d) Paid Time Off. The Executive shall be entitled to paid time off, vacation time plus sick time, consistent with the Company's policies.
- (e) *Benefits*. Subject to eligibility requirements and the Company's polices, the Executive shall have the right, on the same basis as other similarly-situated employees of the Company, to participate in, and to receive benefits under, any medical, vision and dental insurance policy maintained by the Company and the Company shall pay a portion of the cost of the premiums for such medical, vision and dental insurance that is consistent with the Company's then current employee benefit policy if the Executive elects to participate in such plans.
 - (f) Withholdings. All compensation payable to the Executive shall be subject to applicable taxes and withholdings.

- 5. *Expenses*. The Executive will be reimbursed for his actual, necessary and reasonable business expenses pursuant to Company policy, subject to the provisions of Section 3 of Exhibit A attached hereto.
- 6. *Restrictive Covenants Agreement*. The Executive hereby acknowledges that in connection with entering into this Agreement, the Executive shall be required to enter into a new Employee Confidentiality and Assignment Agreement with the Company.
- 7. Employment Termination. This Agreement and the employment of the Executive shall terminate upon the occurrence of any of the following:
- (a) Upon the death or "Disability" of the Executive. As used in this Agreement, the term "Disability" shall mean a physical or mental illness or disability that prevents the Executive from performing the duties of the Executive's position for a period of more than any three consecutive months or for periods aggregating more than twenty-six weeks. The Company shall determine in good faith and in its sole discretion whether the Executive is unable to perform the services provided for herein.
- (b) At the election of the Company, with or without "Cause" (as defined below), immediately upon written notice by the Company to the Executive. As used in this Agreement, "Cause" shall mean:
 - (i) Executive's dishonest statements or acts with respect to the Company or any affiliate of the Company, or any current or prospective customers, suppliers, vendors or other third parties with which such entity does business that results in or is reasonably anticipated to result in material harm to the Company;
 - (ii) Executive's conviction of (A) a felony or (B) any misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, deceit, dishonesty or fraud;
 - (iii) Executive's gross negligence, willful misconduct or insubordination with respect to the Company that results in or is reasonably anticipated to result in material harm to the Company, provided, however, that the Executive shall have a period of not less than ten (10) days to cure any curable act or omission constituting Cause described in this Section 7(b)(iii) following the Company's delivery to the Executive of written notice of such act or omission; or
 - (iv) Executive's material violation of any provision of any agreement(s) between the Executive and the Company relating to nonsolicitation, nondisclosure and/or assignment of inventions.
- (c) At the election of the Executive, with or without "Good Reason" (as defined below), immediately upon written notice by the Executive to the Company (subject, if it is with Good Reason, to the timing provisions set forth in the definition of Good Reason). As used in this Agreement, "Good Reason" shall mean (without the Executive's consent):
 - (i) a material diminution of the Executive's base compensation, other than in connection with, and substantially proportionate to, reductions by the Company of

the base compensation of all or substantially all senior executives of the Company;

- (ii) a material diminution in the Executive's duties, authority or responsibilities;
- (iii) the Company's requiring Executive to relocate Executive's primary office more than fifty (50) miles from the Executive's then-current primary office; or
- (iii) any material breach of this Agreement or any other agreement between the Company and the Executive by the Company not otherwise covered by this paragraph;

provided, however, that in each case, the Company shall have a period of not less than thirty (30) days to cure any act constituting Good Reason following Executive's delivery to the Company of written notice within sixty (60) days of the action or omission constituting Good Reason and that the Executive actually terminates employment within thirty (30) days following the expiration of the Company's cure period.

8. Effect of Termination.

- (a) All Terminations Other Than by the Company Without Cause or by the Executive With Good Reason. If the Executive's employment is terminated under any circumstances other than a Qualifying Termination (as defined below) (including a voluntary termination by the Executive without Good Reason pursuant to Section 7(c), a termination by the Company for Cause pursuant to Section 7(b) or due to the Executive's death or Disability pursuant to Section 7(a)), the Company's obligations under this Agreement shall immediately cease and the Executive shall only be entitled to receive (i) the Base Salary that has accrued and to which the Executive is entitled as of the effective date of such termination and to the extent consistent with general Company policy, to be paid in accordance with the Company's established payroll procedure and applicable law but no later than the next regularly scheduled pay period, (ii) unreimbursed business expenses for which expenses the Executive has timely submitted appropriate documentation in accordance with Section 5 hereof, and (iii) any amounts or benefits to which the Executive is then entitled under the terms of the benefit plans then-sponsored by the Company in accordance with their terms (and not accelerated to the extent acceleration does not satisfy Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (the "Code")) (the payments described in this sentence, the "Accrued Obligations").
- (b) *Termination by the Company Without Cause or by the Executive With Good Reason Prior to or More Than Twelve Months Following a Change in Control.* If the Executive's employment is terminated by the Company without Cause pursuant to Section 7(b) or by the Executive with Good Reason pursuant to Section 7(c) (in either case, a "Qualifying Termination") prior to or more than twelve (12) months following a Change in Control (as defined below), the Executive shall be entitled to the Accrued Obligations. In addition, and subject to Exhibit A and the conditions of Section 8(d), the Company shall: (i) continue to pay to the Executive, in accordance with the Company's regularly established payroll procedures, the Executive's Base Salary for a period of twelve (12) months and (ii) provided the Executive is eligible for and timely elects to continue receiving group medical insurance pursuant to the

"COBRA" law, continue to pay (but in no event longer than twelve (12) months following the Executive's termination date) the share of the premium for health coverage that is paid by the Company for active and similarly-situated employees who receive the same type of coverage, unless the Company's provision of such COBRA payments will violate the nondiscrimination requirements of applicable law, in which case this benefit will not apply (collectively, the "Severance Benefits").

- (c) Termination by the Company Without Cause or by the Executive With Good Reason Within Twelve Months Following a Change in Control. If a Qualifying Termination occurs within twelve (12) months following a Change in Control, then the Executive shall be entitled to the Accrued Obligations. In addition, and subject to Exhibit A and the conditions of Section 8(d), the Company shall: (i) continue to pay to the Executive, in accordance with the Company's regularly established payroll procedures, the Executive's Base Salary (or, if higher, the Executive's Base Salary in effect immediately prior to the Change in Control) for a period of eighteen (18) months; (ii) pay to the Executive, in a single lump sum on the Payment Date (as defined below) an amount equal to 100% of the Executive's Target Bonus for the year in which termination occurs or, if higher, the Executive's Target Bonus immediately prior to the Change in Control, (iii) provided the Executive is eligible for and timely elects to continue receiving group medical insurance pursuant to the "COBRA" law, continue to pay (but in no event longer than eighteen (18) months following the Executive's termination date) the share of the premium for health coverage that is paid by the Company for active and similarly-situated employees who receive the same type of coverage, unless the Company's provision of such COBRA payments will violate the nondiscrimination requirements of applicable law, in which case this benefit will not apply, and (iv) provide that the vesting of the Executive's then-unvested equity awards that vest based solely on the passage of time vest and become fully exercisable or non-forfeitable as of the termination date (collectively, the "Change in Control Severance Benefits").
- (d) *Release*. As a condition of the Executive's receipt of the Severance Benefits or the Change in Control Severance Benefits, as applicable, the Executive must execute and deliver to the Company a severance and release of claims agreement in a form to be provided by the Company (the "Severance Agreement"), which Severance Agreement must become irrevocable within 60 days following the date of the Executive's termination of employment (or such shorter period as may be directed by the Company). The Severance Benefits or the Change in Control Severance Benefits, as applicable, will be paid or commence to be paid in the first regular payroll beginning after the Severance Agreement becomes effective, provided that if the foregoing 60 day period would end in a calendar year subsequent to the year in which the Executive's employment ends, the Severance Benefits or Change in Control Severance Benefits, as applicable, will not be paid or begin to be paid before the first payroll of the subsequent calendar year (the date the Severance Benefits or Change in Control Severance Benefits, as applicable, commence pursuant to this sentence, the "Payment Date"). The Executive must continue to comply with the Employee Confidentiality and Assignment Agreement and any similar agreement with the Company in order to be eligible to continue receiving the Severance Benefits or Change in Control Severance Benefits, as applicable.
- (e) Change in Control Definition. For purposes of this Agreement, "Change in Control" shall mean the occurrence of any of the following events, provided that such event or occurrence

constitutes a change in the ownership or effective control of the Company, or a change in the ownership of a substantial portion of the assets of the Company, as defined in Treasury Regulation §§ 1.409A-3(i)(5)(v), (vi) and (vii): (i) the acquisition by an individual, entity or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act")) (a "Person") of beneficial ownership of any capital stock of the Company if, after such acquisition, such Person beneficially owns (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act) fifty percent (50%) or more of either (x) the then-outstanding shares of common stock of the Company (the "Outstanding Company Common Stock") or (y) the combined voting power of the then-outstanding securities of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (the "Outstanding Company Voting Securities"); provided, however, that for purposes of this subsection (i), the following acquisitions shall not constitute a Change in Control: (1) any acquisition directly from the Company or (2) any acquisition by any entity pursuant to a Business Combination (as defined below) which complies with clauses (x) and (y) of subsection (iii) of this definition; or (ii) a change in the composition of the Board that results in the Continuing Directors (as defined below) no longer constituting a majority of the Board (or, if applicable, the Board of Directors of a successor corporation to the Company), where the term "Continuing Director" means at any date a member of the Board (x) who was a member of the Board on the Effective Date or (y) who was nominated or elected subsequent to such date by at least a majority of the directors who were Continuing Directors at the time of such nomination or election or whose election to the Board was recommended or endorsed by at least a majority of the directors who were Continuing Directors at the time of such nomination or election; provided, however, that there shall be excluded from this clause (y) any individual whose initial assumption of office occurred as a result of an actual or threatened election contest with respect to the election or removal of directors or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents, by or on behalf of a person other than the Board; or (iii) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, reorganization, recapitalization or share exchange involving the Company, or a sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company (a "Business Combination"), unless, immediately following such Business Combination, each of the following two (2) conditions is satisfied: (x) all or substantially all of the individuals and entities who were the beneficial owners of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and Outstanding Company Voting Securities immediately prior to such Business Combination beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than fifty percent (50%) of the then-outstanding shares of common stock and the combined voting power of the then-outstanding securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, respectively, of the resulting or acquiring corporation in such Business Combination (which shall include, without limitation, a corporation which as a result of such transaction owns the Company or substantially all of the Company's assets either directly or through one (1) or more subsidiaries) (such resulting or acquiring corporation is referred to herein as the "Acquiring Corporation") in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and Outstanding Company Voting Securities, respectively, immediately prior to such Business Combination and (y) no Person (excluding any employee benefit plan (or related trust) maintained or sponsored by the Company or by the Acquiring Corporation) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, fifty percent (50%) or more of the thenoutstanding shares of common stock of the Acquiring Corporation, or of the combined voting power of the then-outstanding securities of such corporation entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (except to the extent that such

ownership existed prior to the Business Combination); or (iv) the liquidation or dissolution of the Company.

- 9. Absence of Restrictions. The Executive represents and warrants that the Executive is not bound by any employment contracts, restrictive covenants or other restrictions that prevent the Executive from entering into employment with, or carrying out the Executive's responsibilities for, the Company, or which are in any way inconsistent with any of the terms of this Agreement.
- 10. *Notice*. Any notice delivered under this Agreement shall be deemed duly delivered three (3) business days after it is sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, one (1) business day after it is sent for next-business day delivery via a reputable nationwide overnight courier service, or immediately upon hand delivery, in each case to the address of the recipient set forth below.

To Executive:

At the address set forth in the Executive's personnel file

To Company:

Fulcrum Therapeutics, Inc. 26 Landsdowne Street, 5th Floor Cambridge, MA 02139

Either Party may change the address to which notices are to be delivered by giving notice of such change to the other Party in the manner set forth in this Section 10.

- 11. Applicable Law; Jury Trial Waiver. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (without reference to the conflict of laws provisions thereof). Any action, suit or other legal proceeding arising under or relating to any provision of this Agreement shall be commenced only in a court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (or, if appropriate, a federal court located within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts), and the Company and the Executive each consents to the jurisdiction of such a court. The Company and the Executive each hereby irrevocably waives any right to a trial by jury in any action, suit or other legal proceeding arising under or relating to any provision of this Agreement.
- 12. *Successors and Assigns*. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of both Parties and their respective successors and assigns, including any corporation with which or into which the Company may be merged or which may succeed to its assets or business; provided, however, that the obligations of the Executive are personal and shall not be assigned by the Executive.
- 13. *At-Will Employment*. During the Term of Employment, the Executive will continue to be an at-will employee of the Company, which means that, notwithstanding any other provision set forth herein, the employment relationship can be terminated by either Party for any reason, at any time, with or without prior notice and with or without Cause.

- 14. Acknowledgment. The Executive states and represents that the Executive has had an opportunity to fully discuss and review the terms of this Agreement with an attorney. The Executive further states and represents that the Executive has carefully read this Agreement, understands the contents herein, freely and voluntarily assents to all of the terms and conditions hereof, and signs the Executive's name of the Executive's own free act.
- 15. No Oral Modification, Waiver, Cancellation or Discharge. This Agreement may be amended or modified only by a written instrument executed by both the Company and the Executive. No delay or omission by the Company in exercising any right under this Agreement shall operate as a waiver of that or any other right. A waiver or consent given by the Company on any one occasion shall be effective only in that instance and shall not be construed as a bar to or waiver of any right on any other occasion.
- 16. Captions and Pronouns. The captions of the sections of this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and in no way define, limit or affect the scope or substance of any section of this Agreement. Whenever the context may require, any pronouns used in this Agreement shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine or neuter forms, and the singular forms of nouns and pronouns shall include the plural, and vice versa.
- 17. *Interpretation*. The Parties agree that this Agreement will be construed without regard to any presumption or rule requiring construction or interpretation against the drafting Party. References in this Agreement to "include" or "including" should be read as though they said "without limitation" or equivalent forms. References in this Agreement to the "Board" shall include any authorized committee thereof.
- 18. Severability. Each provision of this Agreement must be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision of this Agreement is held to be prohibited by or invalid under applicable law, such provision will be ineffective only to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity, without invalidating the remainder of such provision or the remaining provisions of this Agreement. Moreover, if a court of competent jurisdiction determines any of the provisions contained in this Agreement to be unenforceable because the provision is excessively broad in scope, whether as to duration, activity, geographic application, subject or otherwise, it will be construed, by limiting or reducing it to the extent legally permitted, so as to be enforceable to the extent compatible with then applicable law to achieve the intent of the Parties.
- 19. *Entire Agreement*. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings, whether written or oral, relating to the subject matter of this Agreement, including, without limitation, the Existing Agreement.

[Signatures on Page Following]

FULCRUM	THERAPEUTICS, INC.	
By:	/s/ Peter Thomson	<u>-</u>
Name:	Peter Thomson	-
Title:	VP Finance & Accounting,	-
	Secretary, Treasurer	- -
EXECUTIV	E:	
/s/ Robert J. Gould		_
Robert J. Gould		
		9

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year set forth above.

EXHIBIT A

Payments Subject to Section 409A

- 1. Subject to this Exhibit A, any severance payments that may be due under the Agreement shall begin only upon the date of the Executive's "separation from service" (determined as set forth below) which occurs on or after the termination of the Executive's employment. The following rules shall apply with respect to distribution of the severance payments, if any, to be provided to the Executive under the Agreement, as applicable:
 - (a) It is intended that each installment of the severance payments provided under the Agreement shall be treated as a separate "payment" for purposes of Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code ("Section 409A"). Neither the Company nor the Executive shall have the right to accelerate or defer the delivery of any such payments except to the extent specifically permitted or required by Section 409A.
 - (b) If, as of the date of the Executive's "separation from service" from the Company, the Executive is not a "specified employee" (within the meaning of Section 409A), then each installment of the severance payments shall be made on the dates and terms set forth in the letter agreement.
 - (c) If, as of the date of the Executive's "separation from service" from the Company, the Executive is a "specified employee" (within the meaning of Section 409A), then:
 - (i) Each installment of the severance payments due under the Agreement that, in accordance with the dates and terms set forth herein, will in all circumstances, regardless of when the Executive's separation from service occurs, be paid within the short-term deferral period (as defined under Section 409A) shall be treated as a short-term deferral within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(b)(4) to the maximum extent permissible under Section 409A and shall be paid on the dates and terms set forth in the Agreement; and
 - (ii) Each installment of the severance payments due under the Agreement that is not described in this Exhibit A, Section 1(c)(i) and that would, absent this subsection, be paid within the six-month period following the Executive's "separation from service" from the Company shall not be paid until the date that is six months and one day after such separation from service (or, if earlier, the Executive's death), with any such installments that are required to be delayed being accumulated during the six-month period and paid in a lump sum on the date that is six months and one day following the Executive's separation from service and any subsequent installments, if any, being paid in accordance with the dates and terms set forth herein; provided, however, that the preceding provisions of this sentence shall not apply to any

installment of payments if and to the maximum extent that that such installment is deemed to be paid under a separation pay plan that does not provide for a deferral of compensation by reason of the application of Treasury Regulation 1.409A-1(b)(9) (iii) (relating to separation pay upon an involuntary separation from service). Any installments that qualify for the exception under Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(b)(9)(iii) must be paid no later than the last day of the Executive's second taxable year following the taxable year in which the separation from service occurs.

- 2. The determination of whether and when the Executive's separation from service from the Company has occurred shall be made and in a manner consistent with, and based on the presumptions set forth in, Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(h). Solely for purposes of Section 2 of this Exhibit A, "Company" shall include all persons with whom the Company would be considered a single employer under Section 414(b) and 414(c) of the Code
- 3. All reimbursements and in-kind benefits provided under the Agreement shall be made or provided in accordance with the requirements of Section 409A to the extent that such reimbursements or in-kind benefits are subject to Section 409A, including, where applicable, the requirements that (i) any reimbursement is for expenses incurred during the Executive's lifetime (or during a shorter period of time specified in the Agreement), (ii) the amount of expenses eligible for reimbursement during a calendar year may not affect the expenses eligible for reimbursement in any other calendar year, (iii) the reimbursement of an eligible expense will be made on or before the last day of the calendar year following the year in which the expense is incurred and (iv) the right to reimbursement is not subject to set off or liquidation or exchange for any other benefit.
- 4. The Company makes no representation or warranty and shall have no liability to the Executive or to any other person if any of the provisions of the Agreement (including this Exhibit A) are determined to constitute deferred compensation subject to Section 409A but that do not satisfy an exemption from, or the conditions of, that section.
 - 5. The Agreement is intended to comply with, or be exempt from, Section 409A and shall be interpreted accordingly.

[Remainder of page intentionally left blank.]

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

THIS EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT (the "Agreement"), is made as of July 3, 2019 by and between Fulcrum Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Company"), and Bryan Stuart (the "Executive") (together, the "Parties").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Company desires to continue to employ the Executive as its Chief Operating Officer; and

WHEREAS, the Company and the Executive are party to a letter agreement dated December 6, 2018 (the "Existing Agreement") and desire to amend and restate the Existing Agreement in its entirety; and

WHEREAS, the Executive has agreed to accept such continued employment on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and of the respective covenants and agreements of the Parties herein contained, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

- 1. *Agreement*. This Agreement shall be effective as of the date on which the registration statement relating to the Company's initial public offering (the "Offering") is effective (the "Effective Date"). Following the Effective Date, the Executive shall continue to be an employee of the Company until such employment relationship is terminated in accordance with Section 7 hereof (the "Term of Employment").
- 2. *Position*. During the Term of Employment, the Executive shall serve as the Chief Operating Officer of the Company, working out of the Company's office in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and travelling as reasonably required by the Executive's job duties.
- 3. Scope of Employment. During the Term of Employment, the Executive shall be responsible for the performance of those duties consistent with the Executive's position as Chief Operating Officer. The Executive shall report to the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company and shall perform and discharge faithfully, diligently, and to the best of the Executive's ability, the Executive's duties and responsibilities hereunder. The Executive shall devote substantially all of the Executive's business time, loyalty, attention and efforts to the business and affairs of the Company and its affiliates. Membership on boards of directors of any other companies will be permitted only with the express approval of the Company's board of directors (the "Board"); provided, however, that the Executive may engage in community and charitable activities or participate in industry associations and serve on the boards of up to two (2) community, charitable or industry organizations, without the approval of the Board, provided such activities do not create a conflict of interest or otherwise interfere with the Executive's performance of the Executive's duties hereunder. The Executive agrees to abide by the rules, regulations, instructions, personnel practices and policies of the Company and any changes therein that may be adopted from time to time by the Company.

- 4. *Compensation*. As full compensation for all services rendered by the Executive to the Company and any affiliate thereof, during the Term of Employment, the Company will provide to the Executive the following:
- (a) *Base Salary*. Effective as of the Effective Date, the Executive shall receive a base salary at the annualized rate of \$415,000 (the "Base Salary"). The Executive's Base Salary shall be paid in equal installments in accordance with the Company's regularly established payroll procedures. The Executive's Base Salary will be reviewed on an annual or more frequent basis by the Board and is subject to change in the discretion of the Board.
- (b) Annual Discretionary Bonus. Effective as of the Effective Date, the Executive will be eligible to earn an annual performance bonus of up to 35% of the Executive's Base Salary (the "Target Bonus"), based upon the Board's assessment of the Executive's performance and the Company's attainment of targeted goals as set by the Board in its sole discretion. To the extent the Executive's Base Salary and/or target bonus percentage of Base Salary is changed during the year to which the performance bonus relates, the Target Bonus shall be calculated based on base salary actually paid during such year (and not solely on the Executive's Base Salary at the end of such year) and shall apply the initial target bonus percentage of Base Salary and the revised target bonus percentage of Base Salary based on the portion of the year during which each was in effect. The Board may determine to provide the bonus in the form of cash, equity award(s), or a combination of cash and equity. Following the close of each calendar year, the Board will determine whether the Executive has earned a performance bonus, and the amount of any performance bonus, based on the set criteria. No amount of the annual bonus is guaranteed, and the Executive must be an employee in good standing on the date of payment in order to be eligible for any annual bonus, except as specifically set forth below. The annual performance bonus, if earned, will be paid by no later than March 15 of the calendar year after the year to which it relates. The Executive's bonus eligibility will be reviewed on an annual or more frequent basis by the Board and is subject to change in the discretion of the Board.
- (c) *Equity Award*. The Executive will be eligible to receive equity awards, if any, at such times and on such terms and conditions as the Board shall, in its sole discretion, determine.
 - (d) Paid Time Off. The Executive shall be entitled to paid time off, vacation time plus sick time, consistent with the Company's policies.
- (e) *Benefits*. Subject to eligibility requirements and the Company's polices, the Executive shall have the right, on the same basis as other similarly-situated employees of the Company, to participate in, and to receive benefits under, any medical, vision and dental insurance policy maintained by the Company and the Company shall pay a portion of the cost of the premiums for such medical, vision and dental insurance that is consistent with the Company's then current employee benefit policy if the Executive elects to participate in such plans.
 - (f) Withholdings. All compensation payable to the Executive shall be subject to applicable taxes and withholdings.

- 5. *Expenses*. The Executive will be reimbursed for his actual, necessary and reasonable business expenses pursuant to Company policy, subject to the provisions of Section 3 of Exhibit A attached hereto.
- 6. *Restrictive Covenants Agreement*. The Executive hereby acknowledges that in connection with entering into this Agreement, the Executive shall be required to enter into a new Employee Confidentiality and Assignment Agreement with the Company.
- 7. Employment Termination. This Agreement and the employment of the Executive shall terminate upon the occurrence of any of the following:
- (a) Upon the death or "Disability" of the Executive. As used in this Agreement, the term "Disability" shall mean a physical or mental illness or disability that prevents the Executive from performing the duties of the Executive's position for a period of more than any three consecutive months or for periods aggregating more than twenty-six weeks. The Company shall determine in good faith and in its sole discretion whether the Executive is unable to perform the services provided for herein.
- (b) At the election of the Company, with or without "Cause" (as defined below), immediately upon written notice by the Company to the Executive. As used in this Agreement, "Cause" shall mean:
 - (i) Executive's dishonest statements or acts with respect to the Company or any affiliate of the Company, or any current or prospective customers, suppliers, vendors or other third parties with which such entity does business that results in or is reasonably anticipated to result in material harm to the Company;
 - (ii) Executive's conviction of (A) a felony or (B) any misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, deceit, dishonesty or fraud;
 - (iii) Executive's gross negligence, willful misconduct or insubordination with respect to the Company that results in or is reasonably anticipated to result in material harm to the Company, provided, however, that the Executive shall have a period of not less than ten (10) days to cure any curable act or omission constituting Cause described in this Section 7(b)(iii) following the Company's delivery to the Executive of written notice of such act or omission; or
 - (iv) Executive's material violation of any provision of any agreement(s) between the Executive and the Company relating to nonsolicitation, nondisclosure and/or assignment of inventions.
- (c) At the election of the Executive, with or without "Good Reason" (as defined below), immediately upon written notice by the Executive to the Company (subject, if it is with Good Reason, to the timing provisions set forth in the definition of Good Reason). As used in this Agreement, "Good Reason" shall mean (without the Executive's consent):
 - (i) a material diminution of the Executive's base compensation, other than in connection with, and substantially proportionate to, reductions by the Company of

the base compensation of all or substantially all senior executives of the Company;

- (ii) a material diminution in the Executive's duties, authority or responsibilities;
- (iii) the Company's requiring Executive to relocate Executive's primary office more than fifty (50) miles from the Executive's then-current primary office; or
- (iii) any material breach of this Agreement or any other agreement between the Company and the Executive by the Company not otherwise covered by this paragraph;

provided, however, that in each case, the Company shall have a period of not less than thirty (30) days to cure any act constituting Good Reason following Executive's delivery to the Company of written notice within sixty (60) days of the action or omission constituting Good Reason and that the Executive actually terminates employment within thirty (30) days following the expiration of the Company's cure period.

8. Effect of Termination.

- (a) All Terminations Other Than by the Company Without Cause or by the Executive With Good Reason. If the Executive's employment is terminated under any circumstances other than a Qualifying Termination (as defined below) (including a voluntary termination by the Executive without Good Reason pursuant to Section 7(c), a termination by the Company for Cause pursuant to Section 7(b) or due to the Executive's death or Disability pursuant to Section 7(a)), the Company's obligations under this Agreement shall immediately cease and the Executive shall only be entitled to receive (i) the Base Salary that has accrued and to which the Executive is entitled as of the effective date of such termination and to the extent consistent with general Company policy, to be paid in accordance with the Company's established payroll procedure and applicable law but no later than the next regularly scheduled pay period, (ii) unreimbursed business expenses for which expenses the Executive has timely submitted appropriate documentation in accordance with Section 5 hereof, and (iii) any amounts or benefits to which the Executive is then entitled under the terms of the benefit plans then-sponsored by the Company in accordance with their terms (and not accelerated to the extent acceleration does not satisfy Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (the "Code")) (the payments described in this sentence, the "Accrued Obligations").
- (b) *Termination by the Company Without Cause or by the Executive With Good Reason Prior to or More Than Twelve Months Following a Change in Control.* If the Executive's employment is terminated by the Company without Cause pursuant to Section 7(b) or by the Executive with Good Reason pursuant to Section 7(c) (in either case, a "Qualifying Termination") prior to or more than twelve (12) months following a Change in Control (as defined below), the Executive shall be entitled to the Accrued Obligations. In addition, and subject to Exhibit A and the conditions of Section 8(d), the Company shall: (i) continue to pay to the Executive, in accordance with the Company's regularly established payroll procedures, the Executive's Base Salary for a period of twelve (12) months and (ii) provided the Executive is eligible for and timely elects to continue receiving group medical insurance pursuant to the

"COBRA" law, continue to pay (but in no event longer than twelve (12) months following the Executive's termination date) the share of the premium for health coverage that is paid by the Company for active and similarly-situated employees who receive the same type of coverage, unless the Company's provision of such COBRA payments will violate the nondiscrimination requirements of applicable law, in which case this benefit will not apply (collectively, the "Severance Benefits").

- (c) Termination by the Company Without Cause or by the Executive With Good Reason Within Twelve Months Following a Change in Control. If a Qualifying Termination occurs within twelve (12) months following a Change in Control, then the Executive shall be entitled to the Accrued Obligations. In addition, and subject to Exhibit A and the conditions of Section 8(d), the Company shall: (i) continue to pay to the Executive, in accordance with the Company's regularly established payroll procedures, the Executive's Base Salary (or, if higher, the Executive's Base Salary in effect immediately prior to the Change in Control) for a period of twelve (12) months; (ii) pay to the Executive, in a single lump sum on the Payment Date (as defined below) an amount equal to 100% of the Executive's Target Bonus for the year in which termination occurs or, if higher, the Executive's Target Bonus immediately prior to the Change in Control, (iii) provided the Executive is eligible for and timely elects to continue receiving group medical insurance pursuant to the "COBRA" law, continue to pay (but in no event longer than twelve (12) months following the Executive's termination date) the share of the premium for health coverage that is paid by the Company for active and similarly-situated employees who receive the same type of coverage, unless the Company's provision of such COBRA payments will violate the nondiscrimination requirements of applicable law, in which case this benefit will not apply, and (iv) provide that the vesting of the Executive's then-unvested equity awards that vest based solely on the passage of time shall be accelerated, such that all then-unvested equity awards that vest based solely on the passage of time vest and become fully exercisable or non-forfeitable as of the termination date (collectively, the "Change in Control Severance Benefits").
- (d) *Release*. As a condition of the Executive's receipt of the Severance Benefits or the Change in Control Severance Benefits, as applicable, the Executive must execute and deliver to the Company a severance and release of claims agreement in a form to be provided by the Company (the "Severance Agreement"), which Severance Agreement must become irrevocable within 60 days following the date of the Executive's termination of employment (or such shorter period as may be directed by the Company). The Severance Benefits or the Change in Control Severance Benefits, as applicable, will be paid or commence to be paid in the first regular payroll beginning after the Severance Agreement becomes effective, provided that if the foregoing 60 day period would end in a calendar year subsequent to the year in which the Executive's employment ends, the Severance Benefits or Change in Control Severance Benefits, as applicable, will not be paid or begin to be paid before the first payroll of the subsequent calendar year (the date the Severance Benefits or Change in Control Severance Benefits, as applicable, commence pursuant to this sentence, the "Payment Date"). The Executive must continue to comply with the Employee Confidentiality and Assignment Agreement and any similar agreement with the Company in order to be eligible to continue receiving the Severance Benefits or Change in Control Severance Benefits, as applicable.
- (e) Change in Control Definition. For purposes of this Agreement, "Change in Control" shall mean the occurrence of any of the following events, provided that such event or occurrence

constitutes a change in the ownership or effective control of the Company, or a change in the ownership of a substantial portion of the assets of the Company, as defined in Treasury Regulation §§ 1.409A-3(i)(5)(v), (vi) and (vii): (i) the acquisition by an individual, entity or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act")) (a "Person") of beneficial ownership of any capital stock of the Company if, after such acquisition, such Person beneficially owns (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act) fifty percent (50%) or more of either (x) the then-outstanding shares of common stock of the Company (the "Outstanding Company Common Stock") or (y) the combined voting power of the then-outstanding securities of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (the "Outstanding Company Voting Securities"); provided, however, that for purposes of this subsection (i), the following acquisitions shall not constitute a Change in Control: (1) any acquisition directly from the Company or (2) any acquisition by any entity pursuant to a Business Combination (as defined below) which complies with clauses (x) and (y) of subsection (iii) of this definition; or (ii) a change in the composition of the Board that results in the Continuing Directors (as defined below) no longer constituting a majority of the Board (or, if applicable, the Board of Directors of a successor corporation to the Company), where the term "Continuing Director" means at any date a member of the Board (x) who was a member of the Board on the Effective Date or (y) who was nominated or elected subsequent to such date by at least a majority of the directors who were Continuing Directors at the time of such nomination or election or whose election to the Board was recommended or endorsed by at least a majority of the directors who were Continuing Directors at the time of such nomination or election; provided, however, that there shall be excluded from this clause (y) any individual whose initial assumption of office occurred as a result of an actual or threatened election contest with respect to the election or removal of directors or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents, by or on behalf of a person other than the Board; or (iii) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, reorganization, recapitalization or share exchange involving the Company, or a sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company (a "Business Combination"), unless, immediately following such Business Combination, each of the following two (2) conditions is satisfied: (x) all or substantially all of the individuals and entities who were the beneficial owners of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and Outstanding Company Voting Securities immediately prior to such Business Combination beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than fifty percent (50%) of the then-outstanding shares of common stock and the combined voting power of the then-outstanding securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, respectively, of the resulting or acquiring corporation in such Business Combination (which shall include, without limitation, a corporation which as a result of such transaction owns the Company or substantially all of the Company's assets either directly or through one (1) or more subsidiaries) (such resulting or acquiring corporation is referred to herein as the "Acquiring Corporation") in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and Outstanding Company Voting Securities, respectively, immediately prior to such Business Combination and (y) no Person (excluding any employee benefit plan (or related trust) maintained or sponsored by the Company or by the Acquiring Corporation) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, fifty percent (50%) or more of the thenoutstanding shares of common stock of the Acquiring Corporation, or of the combined voting power of the then-outstanding securities of such corporation entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (except to the extent that such

ownership existed prior to the Business Combination); or (iv) the liquidation or dissolution of the Company.

- 9. Absence of Restrictions. The Executive represents and warrants that the Executive is not bound by any employment contracts, restrictive covenants or other restrictions that prevent the Executive from entering into employment with, or carrying out the Executive's responsibilities for, the Company, or which are in any way inconsistent with any of the terms of this Agreement.
- 10. *Notice*. Any notice delivered under this Agreement shall be deemed duly delivered three (3) business days after it is sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, one (1) business day after it is sent for next-business day delivery via a reputable nationwide overnight courier service, or immediately upon hand delivery, in each case to the address of the recipient set forth below.

To Executive:

At the address set forth in the Executive's personnel file

To Company:

Fulcrum Therapeutics, Inc. 26 Landsdowne Street, 5th Floor Cambridge, MA 02139

Either Party may change the address to which notices are to be delivered by giving notice of such change to the other Party in the manner set forth in this Section 10.

- 11. Applicable Law; Jury Trial Waiver. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (without reference to the conflict of laws provisions thereof). Any action, suit or other legal proceeding arising under or relating to any provision of this Agreement shall be commenced only in a court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (or, if appropriate, a federal court located within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts), and the Company and the Executive each consents to the jurisdiction of such a court. The Company and the Executive each hereby irrevocably waives any right to a trial by jury in any action, suit or other legal proceeding arising under or relating to any provision of this Agreement.
- 12. *Successors and Assigns*. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of both Parties and their respective successors and assigns, including any corporation with which or into which the Company may be merged or which may succeed to its assets or business; provided, however, that the obligations of the Executive are personal and shall not be assigned by the Executive.
- 13. *At-Will Employment*. During the Term of Employment, the Executive will continue to be an at-will employee of the Company, which means that, notwithstanding any other provision set forth herein, the employment relationship can be terminated by either Party for any reason, at any time, with or without prior notice and with or without Cause.

- 14. Acknowledgment. The Executive states and represents that the Executive has had an opportunity to fully discuss and review the terms of this Agreement with an attorney. The Executive further states and represents that the Executive has carefully read this Agreement, understands the contents herein, freely and voluntarily assents to all of the terms and conditions hereof, and signs the Executive's name of the Executive's own free act.
- 15. No Oral Modification, Waiver, Cancellation or Discharge. This Agreement may be amended or modified only by a written instrument executed by both the Company and the Executive. No delay or omission by the Company in exercising any right under this Agreement shall operate as a waiver of that or any other right. A waiver or consent given by the Company on any one occasion shall be effective only in that instance and shall not be construed as a bar to or waiver of any right on any other occasion.
- 16. Captions and Pronouns. The captions of the sections of this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and in no way define, limit or affect the scope or substance of any section of this Agreement. Whenever the context may require, any pronouns used in this Agreement shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine or neuter forms, and the singular forms of nouns and pronouns shall include the plural, and vice versa.
- 17. *Interpretation*. The Parties agree that this Agreement will be construed without regard to any presumption or rule requiring construction or interpretation against the drafting Party. References in this Agreement to "include" or "including" should be read as though they said "without limitation" or equivalent forms. References in this Agreement to the "Board" shall include any authorized committee thereof.
- 18. Severability. Each provision of this Agreement must be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision of this Agreement is held to be prohibited by or invalid under applicable law, such provision will be ineffective only to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity, without invalidating the remainder of such provision or the remaining provisions of this Agreement. Moreover, if a court of competent jurisdiction determines any of the provisions contained in this Agreement to be unenforceable because the provision is excessively broad in scope, whether as to duration, activity, geographic application, subject or otherwise, it will be construed, by limiting or reducing it to the extent legally permitted, so as to be enforceable to the extent compatible with then applicable law to achieve the intent of the Parties.
- 19. *Entire Agreement*. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings, whether written or oral, relating to the subject matter of this Agreement, including, without limitation, the Existing Agreement.

[Signatures on Page Following]

THERAPEUTICS, INC.	
/s/ Robert J. Gould	_
Robert J. Gould	_
Pres. & CEO	_
VE:	
	_
rt	
	9
	Robert J. Gould Pres. & CEO VE:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year set forth above.

EXHIBIT A

Payments Subject to Section 409A

- 1. Subject to this Exhibit A, any severance payments that may be due under the Agreement shall begin only upon the date of the Executive's "separation from service" (determined as set forth below) which occurs on or after the termination of the Executive's employment. The following rules shall apply with respect to distribution of the severance payments, if any, to be provided to the Executive under the Agreement, as applicable:
 - (a) It is intended that each installment of the severance payments provided under the Agreement shall be treated as a separate "payment" for purposes of Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code ("Section 409A"). Neither the Company nor the Executive shall have the right to accelerate or defer the delivery of any such payments except to the extent specifically permitted or required by Section 409A.
 - (b) If, as of the date of the Executive's "separation from service" from the Company, the Executive is not a "specified employee" (within the meaning of Section 409A), then each installment of the severance payments shall be made on the dates and terms set forth in the letter agreement.
 - (c) If, as of the date of the Executive's "separation from service" from the Company, the Executive is a "specified employee" (within the meaning of Section 409A), then:
 - (i) Each installment of the severance payments due under the Agreement that, in accordance with the dates and terms set forth herein, will in all circumstances, regardless of when the Executive's separation from service occurs, be paid within the short-term deferral period (as defined under Section 409A) shall be treated as a short-term deferral within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(b)(4) to the maximum extent permissible under Section 409A and shall be paid on the dates and terms set forth in the Agreement; and
 - (ii) Each installment of the severance payments due under the Agreement that is not described in this Exhibit A, Section 1(c)(i) and that would, absent this subsection, be paid within the six-month period following the Executive's "separation from service" from the Company shall not be paid until the date that is six months and one day after such separation from service (or, if earlier, the Executive's death), with any such installments that are required to be delayed being accumulated during the six-month period and paid in a lump sum on the date that is six months and one day following the Executive's separation from service and any subsequent installments, if any, being paid in accordance with the dates and terms set forth herein; provided, however, that the preceding provisions of this sentence shall not apply to any installment of payments if and to the maximum extent that that such installment is deemed to be paid under a separation pay plan that does not

provide for a deferral of compensation by reason of the application of Treasury Regulation 1.409A-1(b)(9)(iii) (relating to separation pay upon an involuntary separation from service). Any installments that qualify for the exception under Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(b)(9)(iii) must be paid no later than the last day of the Executive's second taxable year following the taxable year in which the separation from service occurs.

- 2. The determination of whether and when the Executive's separation from service from the Company has occurred shall be made and in a manner consistent with, and based on the presumptions set forth in, Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(h). Solely for purposes of Section 2 of this Exhibit A, "Company" shall include all persons with whom the Company would be considered a single employer under Section 414(b) and 414(c) of the Code.
- 3. All reimbursements and in-kind benefits provided under the Agreement shall be made or provided in accordance with the requirements of Section 409A to the extent that such reimbursements or in-kind benefits are subject to Section 409A, including, where applicable, the requirements that (i) any reimbursement is for expenses incurred during the Executive's lifetime (or during a shorter period of time specified in the Agreement), (ii) the amount of expenses eligible for reimbursement during a calendar year may not affect the expenses eligible for reimbursement in any other calendar year, (iii) the reimbursement of an eligible expense will be made on or before the last day of the calendar year following the year in which the expense is incurred and (iv) the right to reimbursement is not subject to set off or liquidation or exchange for any other benefit.
- 4. The Company makes no representation or warranty and shall have no liability to the Executive or to any other person if any of the provisions of the Agreement (including this Exhibit A) are determined to constitute deferred compensation subject to Section 409A but that do not satisfy an exemption from, or the conditions of, that section.
 - 5. The Agreement is intended to comply with, or be exempt from, Section 409A and shall be interpreted accordingly.

[Remainder of page intentionally left blank.]

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

THIS EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT (the "Agreement"), is made as of June 30, 2019 by and between Fulcrum Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Company"), and Diego Cadavid (the "Executive") (together, the "Parties").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Company desires to continue to employ the Executive as its Senior Vice President, Clinical Development; and

WHEREAS, the Company and the Executive are party to a letter agreement dated August 9, 2016 (the "Existing Agreement") and desire to amend and restate the Existing Agreement in its entirety; and

WHEREAS, the Executive has agreed to accept such continued employment on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and of the respective covenants and agreements of the Parties herein contained, the Parties hereto agree as follows:

- 1. *Agreement*. This Agreement shall be effective as of the date on which the registration statement relating to the Company's initial public offering (the "Offering") is effective (the "Effective Date"). Following the Effective Date, the Executive shall continue to be an employee of the Company until such employment relationship is terminated in accordance with Section 7 hereof (the "Term of Employment").
- 2. *Position*. During the Term of Employment, the Executive shall serve as the Senior Vice President, Clinical Development of the Company, working out of the Company's office in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and travelling as reasonably required by the Executive's job duties.
- 3. Scope of Employment. During the Term of Employment, the Executive shall be responsible for the performance of those duties consistent with the Executive's position as Senior Vice President, Clinical Development. The Executive shall report to the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company and shall perform and discharge faithfully, diligently, and to the best of the Executive's ability, the Executive's duties and responsibilities hereunder. The Executive shall devote substantially all of the Executive's business time, loyalty, attention and efforts to the business and affairs of the Company and its affiliates. Membership on boards of directors of any other companies will be permitted only with the express approval of the Company's board of directors (the "Board"); provided, however, that the Executive may engage in community and charitable activities or participate in industry associations and serve on the boards of up to two (2) community, charitable or industry organizations, without the approval of the Board, provided such activities do not create a conflict of interest or otherwise interfere with the Executive's performance of the Executive's duties hereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it is agreed and understood that the Executive may continue his current teaching activities at the University of Massachusetts Medical School for which he may receive nominal compensation for so long as such activities do not create a conflict of interest or otherwise interfere with the performance of the Executive's duties hereunder. The Executive agrees to

abide by the rules, regulations, instructions, personnel practices and policies of the Company and any changes therein that may be adopted from time to time by the Company.

- 4. *Compensation*. As full compensation for all services rendered by the Executive to the Company and any affiliate thereof, during the Term of Employment, the Company will provide to the Executive the following:
- (a) *Base Salary*. Effective as of the Effective Date, the Executive shall receive a base salary at the annualized rate of \$375,000 (the "Base Salary"). The Executive's Base Salary shall be paid in equal installments in accordance with the Company's regularly established payroll procedures. The Executive's Base Salary will be reviewed on an annual or more frequent basis by the Board and is subject to change in the discretion of the Board.
- (b) Annual Discretionary Bonus. Effective as of the Effective Date, the Executive will be eligible to earn an annual performance bonus of up to 30% of the Executive's Base Salary (the "Target Bonus"), based upon the Board's assessment of the Executive's performance and the Company's attainment of targeted goals as set by the Board in its sole discretion. To the extent the Executive's Base Salary and/or target bonus percentage of Base Salary is changed during the year to which the performance bonus relates, the Target Bonus shall be calculated based on base salary actually paid during such year (and not solely on the Executive's Base Salary at the end of such year) and shall apply the initial target bonus percentage of Base Salary and the revised target bonus percentage of Base Salary based on the portion of the year during which each was in effect. The Board may determine to provide the bonus in the form of cash, equity award(s), or a combination of cash and equity. Following the close of each calendar year, the Board will determine whether the Executive has earned a performance bonus, and the amount of any performance bonus, based on the set criteria. No amount of the annual bonus is guaranteed, and the Executive must be an employee in good standing on the date of payment in order to be eligible for any annual bonus, except as specifically set forth below. The annual performance bonus, if earned, will be paid by no later than March 15 of the calendar year after the year to which it relates. The Executive's bonus eligibility will be reviewed on an annual or more frequent basis by the Board and is subject to change in the discretion of the Board.
- (c) *Equity Award*. The Executive will be eligible to receive equity awards, if any, at such times and on such terms and conditions as the Board shall, in its sole discretion, determine.
 - (d) Paid Time Off. The Executive shall be entitled to paid time off, vacation time plus sick time, consistent with the Company's policies.
- (e) *Benefits*. Subject to eligibility requirements and the Company's polices, the Executive shall have the right, on the same basis as other similarly-situated employees of the Company, to participate in, and to receive benefits under, any medical, vision and dental insurance policy maintained by the Company and the Company shall pay a portion of the cost of the premiums for such medical, vision and dental insurance that is consistent with the Company's then current employee benefit policy if the Executive elects to participate in such plans.
 - (f) Withholdings. All compensation payable to the Executive shall be subject to applicable taxes and withholdings.

- 5. *Expenses*. The Executive will be reimbursed for his actual, necessary and reasonable business expenses pursuant to Company policy, subject to the provisions of Section 3 of Exhibit A attached hereto.
- 6. *Restrictive Covenants Agreement*. The Executive hereby acknowledges that in connection with entering into this Agreement, the Executive shall be required to enter into a new Employee Confidentiality and Assignment Agreement with the Company.
- 7. Employment Termination. This Agreement and the employment of the Executive shall terminate upon the occurrence of any of the following:
- (a) Upon the death or "Disability" of the Executive. As used in this Agreement, the term "Disability" shall mean a physical or mental illness or disability that prevents the Executive from performing the duties of the Executive's position for a period of more than any three consecutive months or for periods aggregating more than twenty-six weeks. The Company shall determine in good faith and in its sole discretion whether the Executive is unable to perform the services provided for herein.
- (b) At the election of the Company, with or without "Cause" (as defined below), immediately upon written notice by the Company to the Executive. As used in this Agreement, "Cause" shall mean:
 - (i) Executive's dishonest statements or acts with respect to the Company or any affiliate of the Company, or any current or prospective customers, suppliers, vendors or other third parties with which such entity does business that results in or is reasonably anticipated to result in material harm to the Company;
 - (ii) Executive's conviction of (A) a felony or (B) any misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, deceit, dishonesty or fraud;
 - (iii) Executive's gross negligence, willful misconduct or insubordination with respect to the Company that results in or is reasonably anticipated to result in material harm to the Company, provided, however, that the Executive shall have a period of not less than ten (10) days to cure any curable act or omission constituting Cause described in this Section 7(b)(iii) following the Company's delivery to the Executive of written notice of such act or omission; or
 - (iv) Executive's material violation of any provision of any agreement(s) between the Executive and the Company relating to nonsolicitation, nondisclosure and/or assignment of inventions.
- (c) At the election of the Executive, with or without "Good Reason" (as defined below), immediately upon written notice by the Executive to the Company (subject, if it is with Good Reason, to the timing provisions set forth in the definition of Good Reason). As used in this Agreement, "Good Reason" shall mean (without the Executive's consent):
 - (i) a material diminution of the Executive's base compensation, other than in connection with, and substantially proportionate to, reductions by the Company of

the base compensation of all or substantially all senior executives of the Company;

- (ii) a material diminution in the Executive's duties, authority or responsibilities;
- (iii) the Company's requiring Executive to relocate Executive's primary office more than fifty (50) miles from the Executive's then-current primary office; or
- (iii) any material breach of this Agreement or any other agreement between the Company and the Executive by the Company not otherwise covered by this paragraph;

provided, however, that in each case, the Company shall have a period of not less than thirty (30) days to cure any act constituting Good Reason following Executive's delivery to the Company of written notice within sixty (60) days of the action or omission constituting Good Reason and that the Executive actually terminates employment within thirty (30) days following the expiration of the Company's cure period.

8. Effect of Termination.

- (a) All Terminations Other Than by the Company Without Cause or by the Executive With Good Reason. If the Executive's employment is terminated under any circumstances other than a Qualifying Termination (as defined below) (including a voluntary termination by the Executive without Good Reason pursuant to Section 7(c), a termination by the Company for Cause pursuant to Section 7(b) or due to the Executive's death or Disability pursuant to Section 7(a)), the Company's obligations under this Agreement shall immediately cease and the Executive shall only be entitled to receive (i) the Base Salary that has accrued and to which the Executive is entitled as of the effective date of such termination and to the extent consistent with general Company policy, to be paid in accordance with the Company's established payroll procedure and applicable law but no later than the next regularly scheduled pay period, (ii) unreimbursed business expenses for which expenses the Executive has timely submitted appropriate documentation in accordance with Section 5 hereof, and (iii) any amounts or benefits to which the Executive is then entitled under the terms of the benefit plans then-sponsored by the Company in accordance with their terms (and not accelerated to the extent acceleration does not satisfy Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, (the "Code")) (the payments described in this sentence, the "Accrued Obligations").
- (b) *Termination by the Company Without Cause or by the Executive With Good Reason Prior to or More Than Twelve Months Following a Change in Control.* If the Executive's employment is terminated by the Company without Cause pursuant to Section 7(b) or by the Executive with Good Reason pursuant to Section 7(c) (in either case, a "Qualifying Termination") prior to or more than twelve (12) months following a Change in Control (as defined below), the Executive shall be entitled to the Accrued Obligations. In addition, and subject to Exhibit A and the conditions of Section 8(d), the Company shall: (i) continue to pay to the Executive, in accordance with the Company's regularly established payroll procedures, the Executive's Base Salary for a period of twelve (12) months and (ii) provided the Executive is eligible for and timely elects to continue receiving group medical insurance pursuant to the

"COBRA" law, continue to pay (but in no event longer than twelve (12) months following the Executive's termination date) the share of the premium for health coverage that is paid by the Company for active and similarly-situated employees who receive the same type of coverage, unless the Company's provision of such COBRA payments will violate the nondiscrimination requirements of applicable law, in which case this benefit will not apply (collectively, the "Severance Benefits").

- (c) Termination by the Company Without Cause or by the Executive With Good Reason Within Twelve Months Following a Change in Control. If a Qualifying Termination occurs within twelve (12) months following a Change in Control, then the Executive shall be entitled to the Accrued Obligations. In addition, and subject to Exhibit A and the conditions of Section 8(d), the Company shall: (i) continue to pay to the Executive, in accordance with the Company's regularly established payroll procedures, the Executive's Base Salary (or, if higher, the Executive's Base Salary in effect immediately prior to the Change in Control) for a period of twelve (12) months; (ii) pay to the Executive, in a single lump sum on the Payment Date (as defined below) an amount equal to 100% of the Executive's Target Bonus for the year in which termination occurs or, if higher, the Executive's Target Bonus immediately prior to the Change in Control, (iii) provided the Executive is eligible for and timely elects to continue receiving group medical insurance pursuant to the "COBRA" law, continue to pay (but in no event longer than twelve (12) months following the Executive's termination date) the share of the premium for health coverage that is paid by the Company for active and similarly-situated employees who receive the same type of coverage, unless the Company's provision of such COBRA payments will violate the nondiscrimination requirements of applicable law, in which case this benefit will not apply, and (iv) provide that the vesting of the Executive's then-unvested equity awards that vest based solely on the passage of time shall be accelerated, such that all then-unvested equity awards that vest based solely on the passage of time vest and become fully exercisable or non-forfeitable as of the termination date (collectively, the "Change in Control Severance Benefits").
- (d) *Release*. As a condition of the Executive's receipt of the Severance Benefits or the Change in Control Severance Benefits, as applicable, the Executive must execute and deliver to the Company a severance and release of claims agreement in a form to be provided by the Company (the "Severance Agreement"), which Severance Agreement must become irrevocable within 60 days following the date of the Executive's termination of employment (or such shorter period as may be directed by the Company). The Severance Benefits or the Change in Control Severance Benefits, as applicable, will be paid or commence to be paid in the first regular payroll beginning after the Severance Agreement becomes effective, provided that if the foregoing 60 day period would end in a calendar year subsequent to the year in which the Executive's employment ends, the Severance Benefits or Change in Control Severance Benefits, as applicable, will not be paid or begin to be paid before the first payroll of the subsequent calendar year (the date the Severance Benefits or Change in Control Severance Benefits, as applicable, commence pursuant to this sentence, the "Payment Date"). The Executive must continue to comply with the Employee Confidentiality and Assignment Agreement and any similar agreement with the Company in order to be eligible to continue receiving the Severance Benefits or Change in Control Severance Benefits, as applicable.
- (e) *Change in Control Definition*. For purposes of this Agreement, "Change in Control" shall mean the occurrence of any of the following events, provided that such event or occurrence

constitutes a change in the ownership or effective control of the Company, or a change in the ownership of a substantial portion of the assets of the Company, as defined in Treasury Regulation §§ 1.409A-3(i)(5)(v), (vi) and (vii): (i) the acquisition by an individual, entity or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act")) (a "Person") of beneficial ownership of any capital stock of the Company if, after such acquisition, such Person beneficially owns (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act) fifty percent (50%) or more of either (x) the then-outstanding shares of common stock of the Company (the "Outstanding Company Common Stock") or (y) the combined voting power of the then-outstanding securities of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (the "Outstanding Company Voting Securities"); provided, however, that for purposes of this subsection (i), the following acquisitions shall not constitute a Change in Control: (1) any acquisition directly from the Company or (2) any acquisition by any entity pursuant to a Business Combination (as defined below) which complies with clauses (x) and (y) of subsection (iii) of this definition; or (ii) a change in the composition of the Board that results in the Continuing Directors (as defined below) no longer constituting a majority of the Board (or, if applicable, the Board of Directors of a successor corporation to the Company), where the term "Continuing Director" means at any date a member of the Board (x) who was a member of the Board on the Effective Date or (y) who was nominated or elected subsequent to such date by at least a majority of the directors who were Continuing Directors at the time of such nomination or election or whose election to the Board was recommended or endorsed by at least a majority of the directors who were Continuing Directors at the time of such nomination or election; provided, however, that there shall be excluded from this clause (y) any individual whose initial assumption of office occurred as a result of an actual or threatened election contest with respect to the election or removal of directors or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents, by or on behalf of a person other than the Board; or (iii) the consummation of a merger, consolidation, reorganization, recapitalization or share exchange involving the Company, or a sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company (a "Business Combination"), unless, immediately following such Business Combination, each of the following two (2) conditions is satisfied: (x) all or substantially all of the individuals and entities who were the beneficial owners of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and Outstanding Company Voting Securities immediately prior to such Business Combination beneficially own, directly or indirectly, more than fifty percent (50%) of the then-outstanding shares of common stock and the combined voting power of the then-outstanding securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, respectively, of the resulting or acquiring corporation in such Business Combination (which shall include, without limitation, a corporation which as a result of such transaction owns the Company or substantially all of the Company's assets either directly or through one (1) or more subsidiaries) (such resulting or acquiring corporation is referred to herein as the "Acquiring Corporation") in substantially the same proportions as their ownership of the Outstanding Company Common Stock and Outstanding Company Voting Securities, respectively, immediately prior to such Business Combination and (y) no Person (excluding any employee benefit plan (or related trust) maintained or sponsored by the Company or by the Acquiring Corporation) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, fifty percent (50%) or more of the thenoutstanding shares of common stock of the Acquiring Corporation, or of the combined voting power of the then-outstanding securities of such corporation entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (except to the extent that such

ownership existed prior to the Business Combination); or (iv) the liquidation or dissolution of the Company.

- 9. Absence of Restrictions. The Executive represents and warrants that the Executive is not bound by any employment contracts, restrictive covenants or other restrictions that prevent the Executive from entering into employment with, or carrying out the Executive's responsibilities for, the Company, or which are in any way inconsistent with any of the terms of this Agreement.
- 10. *Notice*. Any notice delivered under this Agreement shall be deemed duly delivered three (3) business days after it is sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, one (1) business day after it is sent for next-business day delivery via a reputable nationwide overnight courier service, or immediately upon hand delivery, in each case to the address of the recipient set forth below.

To Executive:

At the address set forth in the Executive's personnel file

To Company:

Fulcrum Therapeutics, Inc. 26 Landsdowne Street, 5th Floor Cambridge, MA 02139

Either Party may change the address to which notices are to be delivered by giving notice of such change to the other Party in the manner set forth in this Section 10.

- 11. Applicable Law; Jury Trial Waiver. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (without reference to the conflict of laws provisions thereof). Any action, suit or other legal proceeding arising under or relating to any provision of this Agreement shall be commenced only in a court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (or, if appropriate, a federal court located within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts), and the Company and the Executive each consents to the jurisdiction of such a court. The Company and the Executive each hereby irrevocably waives any right to a trial by jury in any action, suit or other legal proceeding arising under or relating to any provision of this Agreement.
- 12. *Successors and Assigns*. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of both Parties and their respective successors and assigns, including any corporation with which or into which the Company may be merged or which may succeed to its assets or business; provided, however, that the obligations of the Executive are personal and shall not be assigned by the Executive.
- 13. *At-Will Employment*. During the Term of Employment, the Executive will continue to be an at-will employee of the Company, which means that, notwithstanding any other provision set forth herein, the employment relationship can be terminated by either Party for any reason, at any time, with or without prior notice and with or without Cause.

- 14. Acknowledgment. The Executive states and represents that the Executive has had an opportunity to fully discuss and review the terms of this Agreement with an attorney. The Executive further states and represents that the Executive has carefully read this Agreement, understands the contents herein, freely and voluntarily assents to all of the terms and conditions hereof, and signs the Executive's name of the Executive's own free act.
- 15. No Oral Modification, Waiver, Cancellation or Discharge. This Agreement may be amended or modified only by a written instrument executed by both the Company and the Executive. No delay or omission by the Company in exercising any right under this Agreement shall operate as a waiver of that or any other right. A waiver or consent given by the Company on any one occasion shall be effective only in that instance and shall not be construed as a bar to or waiver of any right on any other occasion.
- 16. Captions and Pronouns. The captions of the sections of this Agreement are for convenience of reference only and in no way define, limit or affect the scope or substance of any section of this Agreement. Whenever the context may require, any pronouns used in this Agreement shall include the corresponding masculine, feminine or neuter forms, and the singular forms of nouns and pronouns shall include the plural, and vice versa.
- 17. *Interpretation*. The Parties agree that this Agreement will be construed without regard to any presumption or rule requiring construction or interpretation against the drafting Party. References in this Agreement to "include" or "including" should be read as though they said "without limitation" or equivalent forms. References in this Agreement to the "Board" shall include any authorized committee thereof.
- 18. Severability. Each provision of this Agreement must be interpreted in such manner as to be effective and valid under applicable law, but if any provision of this Agreement is held to be prohibited by or invalid under applicable law, such provision will be ineffective only to the extent of such prohibition or invalidity, without invalidating the remainder of such provision or the remaining provisions of this Agreement. Moreover, if a court of competent jurisdiction determines any of the provisions contained in this Agreement to be unenforceable because the provision is excessively broad in scope, whether as to duration, activity, geographic application, subject or otherwise, it will be construed, by limiting or reducing it to the extent legally permitted, so as to be enforceable to the extent compatible with then applicable law to achieve the intent of the Parties.
- 19. *Entire Agreement*. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings, whether written or oral, relating to the subject matter of this Agreement, including, without limitation, the Existing Agreement.

[Signatures on Page Following]

I THERAPEUTICS, INC.		
/s/ Robert J. Gould	_	
Robert J. Gould	_	
Pres. & CEO	_	
VE:		
adavid	_	
Diego Cadavid		
	9	
	Robert J. Gould Pres. & CEO VE: adavid	

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the day and year set forth above.

EXHIBIT A

Payments Subject to Section 409A

- 1. Subject to this Exhibit A, any severance payments that may be due under the Agreement shall begin only upon the date of the Executive's "separation from service" (determined as set forth below) which occurs on or after the termination of the Executive's employment. The following rules shall apply with respect to distribution of the severance payments, if any, to be provided to the Executive under the Agreement, as applicable:
 - (a) It is intended that each installment of the severance payments provided under the Agreement shall be treated as a separate "payment" for purposes of Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code ("Section 409A"). Neither the Company nor the Executive shall have the right to accelerate or defer the delivery of any such payments except to the extent specifically permitted or required by Section 409A.
 - (b) If, as of the date of the Executive's "separation from service" from the Company, the Executive is not a "specified employee" (within the meaning of Section 409A), then each installment of the severance payments shall be made on the dates and terms set forth in the letter agreement.
 - (c) If, as of the date of the Executive's "separation from service" from the Company, the Executive is a "specified employee" (within the meaning of Section 409A), then:
 - (i) Each installment of the severance payments due under the Agreement that, in accordance with the dates and terms set forth herein, will in all circumstances, regardless of when the Executive's separation from service occurs, be paid within the short-term deferral period (as defined under Section 409A) shall be treated as a short-term deferral within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(b)(4) to the maximum extent permissible under Section 409A and shall be paid on the dates and terms set forth in the Agreement; and
 - (ii) Each installment of the severance payments due under the Agreement that is not described in this Exhibit A, Section 1(c)(i) and that would, absent this subsection, be paid within the six-month period following the Executive's "separation from service" from the Company shall not be paid until the date that is six months and one day after such separation from service (or, if earlier, the Executive's death), with any such installments that are required to be delayed being accumulated during the six-month period and paid in a lump sum on the date that is six months and one day following the Executive's separation from service and any subsequent installments, if any, being paid in accordance with the dates and terms set forth herein; provided, however, that the preceding provisions of this sentence shall not apply to any installment of payments if and to the maximum extent that that such installment is deemed to be paid under a separation pay plan that does not provide for a deferral of compensation by reason of the application of

Treasury Regulation 1.409A-1(b)(9)(iii) (relating to separation pay upon an involuntary separation from service). Any installments that qualify for the exception under Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(b)(9)(iii) must be paid no later than the last day of the Executive's second taxable year following the taxable year in which the separation from service occurs.

- 2. The determination of whether and when the Executive's separation from service from the Company has occurred shall be made and in a manner consistent with, and based on the presumptions set forth in, Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(h). Solely for purposes of Section 2 of this Exhibit A, "Company" shall include all persons with whom the Company would be considered a single employer under Section 414(b) and 414(c) of the Code.
- 3. All reimbursements and in-kind benefits provided under the Agreement shall be made or provided in accordance with the requirements of Section 409A to the extent that such reimbursements or in-kind benefits are subject to Section 409A, including, where applicable, the requirements that (i) any reimbursement is for expenses incurred during the Executive's lifetime (or during a shorter period of time specified in the Agreement), (ii) the amount of expenses eligible for reimbursement during a calendar year may not affect the expenses eligible for reimbursement in any other calendar year, (iii) the reimbursement of an eligible expense will be made on or before the last day of the calendar year following the year in which the expense is incurred and (iv) the right to reimbursement is not subject to set off or liquidation or exchange for any other benefit.
- 4. The Company makes no representation or warranty and shall have no liability to the Executive or to any other person if any of the provisions of the Agreement (including this Exhibit A) are determined to constitute deferred compensation subject to Section 409A but that do not satisfy an exemption from, or the conditions of, that section.
 - 5. The Agreement is intended to comply with, or be exempt from, Section 409A and shall be interpreted accordingly.

[Remainder of page intentionally left blank.]