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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-3
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

RECRO PHARMA, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or
organization)

26-1523233
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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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, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box. x

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 registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box. "

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

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

Large accelerated filer " Accelerated filer "
 Non-accelerated filer " (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller Reporting Company x

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities to be Registered(1)	Amount to be Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee
Primary Offering				
Common Stock(2)	(3)	(4)	(4)	(3)
Preferred Stock(2)	(3)	(4)	(4)	(3)
Warrants(2)	(3)	(4)	(4)	(3)
Debt Securities(2)	(3)	(4)	(4)	(3)
Units(2)	(3)	(4)	(4)	(3)
Subscription Rights(2)	(3)	(4)	(4)	(3)
Total Primary Offering	(3)	(4)	\$100,000,000 (5)	\$11,620.00
Secondary Offering				
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	1,379,311(6)	\$13.57(7)	\$18,717,250.27	\$2,174.94

Total Primary and Secondary Offering	\$118,717,250.27	\$13,794.94
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- (1) The securities covered by this registration statement to be sold by the Registrant may be sold separately or in any combination with other securities registered under this registration statement. The securities to be resold by the selling shareholders will be shares of common stock only.
- (2) With respect to the primary offering, the securities being registered consist of such indeterminate number of shares of common stock and preferred stock, such indeterminate number of warrants to purchase common stock, preferred stock or debt securities, such indeterminate number of units, such indeterminate principal amount of debt securities, and such indeterminate number of subscription rights as may be determined from time to time at indeterminate prices. The securities registered for the primary offering also include such indeterminate number of shares of common stock and preferred stock and such indeterminate principal amount of debt securities as may be issued upon conversion of or exchange for preferred stock or debt securities that provide for conversion or exchange, upon exercise of warrants or pursuant to the anti-dilution provisions of any such securities. In no event will the aggregate maximum offering price of all securities issued in the primary offering pursuant to this registration statement exceed \$100,000,000, or, if any debt securities are issued at an original issue discount, such greater amount as will result in an aggregate initial offering price of \$100,000,000, less the aggregate dollar amount of all securities previously issued hereunder in the primary offering.
- (3) Not required to be included in accordance with General Instruction II.D. of Form S-3 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or Securities Act.
- (4) With respect to the primary offering, the proposed maximum offering price per security and the proposed maximum aggregate offering price per class of security will be determined from time to time by the Registrant in connection with the issuance by the Registrant of the securities registered hereunder and is not specified as to each class of security pursuant to General Instruction II.D. of Form S-3 under the Securities Act.
- (5) The proposed maximum aggregate offering price has been estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act.
- (6) Represents shares offered by the selling shareholders. Pursuant to Rule 416, under the Securities Act, this registration statement also covers such indeterminate number of additional shares of common stock that become issuable by reason of any stock dividend, stock split or other similar transaction.
- (7) The estimate price of \$13.57 per share, which is the average of the high and low offering price of the Registrant's common stock as reported on the NASDAQ Capital Market on August 14, 2015, is set forth solely for the purpose of calculating the fee pursuant to Rule 457(c) under the Securities Act

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 that specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act, or until this registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

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The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. Neither we nor the selling shareholders may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and is not soliciting offers to buy these securities in any jurisdiction where such offer or sale is not permitted.

Subject To Completion, Dated August 20, 2015

PROSPECTUS

\$100,000,000

Common Stock

Preferred Stock

Debt Securities

Warrants

Units

Subscription Rights

1,379,311 Shares of Common Stock

Offered by

Selling Shareholders

We may offer to the public from time to time in one or more series or issuances:

shares of our common stock, par value \$0.01 per share;

shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share;

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warrants to purchase shares of our common stock, preferred stock and/or debt securities;

debt securities consisting of debentures, notes or other evidences of indebtedness;

units consisting of a combination of the foregoing securities;

subscription rights to purchase any of the foregoing securities; or

any combination of these securities.

The aggregate initial offering price of all securities sold by us pursuant to this prospectus will not exceed \$100,000,000.

Selling shareholders may also offer up to 1,379,311 shares of our common stock from time to time in connection with one or more offerings. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of common stock by the selling shareholders. We have paid the fees and expenses incident to the registration of the shares of common stock for sale by the selling shareholders

This prospectus provides a general description of the securities that we or the selling shareholders may offer. Each time that we offer securities under this prospectus, we will provide the specific terms of the securities offered, including the public offering price, in a supplement to this prospectus. Depending on the method of distribution, a prospectus supplement may also be required in connection with certain sales of common stock by the selling shareholders. Any prospectus supplement may add to, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement together with additional information described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information" before you make your investment decision.

The securities may be sold by us or the selling shareholders to or through underwriters or dealers, directly to purchasers or through agents designated from time to time. For additional information on the methods of sale, you should refer to the section entitled "Plan of Distribution" in this prospectus and the comparable section of any applicable prospectus supplement. If any underwriters are involved in the sale of the securities with respect to which this prospectus is being delivered, the names of such underwriters and any applicable discounts or commissions and over-allotment options will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Our common stock trades on the NASDAQ Capital Market, or NASDAQ, under the ticker symbol REPH. On August 17, 2015, the last reported sale price per share of our common stock was \$14.63 per share.

As of August 17, 2015, the aggregate market value of our outstanding common stock held by non-affiliates was approximately \$56.1 million, based on 9,221,374 shares of outstanding common stock, of which approximately 3,833,302 shares were held by non-affiliates, and a per share price of \$14.63 based on the closing sale price of our common stock on August 17, 2015.

INVESTING IN OUR SECURITIES INVOLVES A HIGH DEGREE OF RISK. RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH AN INVESTMENT IN OUR SECURITIES WILL BE DESCRIBED IN THE APPLICABLE PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT AND CERTAIN OF OUR FILINGS WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE

COMMISSION INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE INTO THIS PROSPECTUS, AS DESCRIBED UNDER RISK FACTORS ON PAGE 5.

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

The date of this prospectus is , 2015.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is a part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the Commission, using a shelf registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may offer to sell any of the securities, or any combination of the securities, described in this prospectus, in each case in one or more offerings, up to a total dollar amount of \$100,000,000 and the selling shareholders may sell up to 1,376,311 shares of our common stock in one or more offerings.

This prospectus provides you only with a general description of the securities that we and the selling shareholders may offer. Each time securities are sold under the shelf registration statement, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of those securities and the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, including all documents incorporated by reference herein and therein, together with the additional information described under **Where You Can Find More Information** below.

The information contained in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. You should rely only on the information provided in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or in any prospectus supplement, or documents to which we otherwise refer you. We have not authorized anyone else to provide you with different information.

We have filed or incorporated by reference exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. You should read the exhibits carefully for provisions that may be important to you.

We have not authorized any dealer, agent or other person to give any information or to make any representation other than those contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement. You must not rely upon any information or representation not contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or an accompanying prospectus supplement. This prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement, if any, do not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities other than the registered securities to which they relate, nor do this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement, if any, constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy securities in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement, if any, is accurate on any date subsequent to the date set forth on the front of such document or that any information we have incorporated by reference is correct on any date subsequent to the date of the document incorporated by reference, even though this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement is delivered or securities are sold on a later date.

References in this prospectus to the terms **the Company**, **Recro**, **we**, **our** and **us** or other similar terms mean Recro Pharma, Inc. and our wholly owned subsidiary, unless we state otherwise or the context indicates otherwise.

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein contain, and any prospectus supplement and the documents incorporated therein may contain, forward-looking statements that involve substantial risks and uncertainties. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement or the documents incorporated herein and therein by reference regarding our strategy, future operations, future financial position, future revenues, projected costs, prospects, plans and objectives of management are forward-looking statements. The words anticipate, believe, estimate, expect, intend, may, plan, predict, would and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words.

The forward-looking statements in this prospectus and the documents incorporated herein by reference include, among other things, statements about:

the results and timing of our clinical trials of Dex-IN, IV/IM meloxicam or our other product candidates, and any future clinical and preclinical studies;

the ability to obtain and maintain regulatory approval of our product candidates, and the labeling under any approval that we may obtain;

regulatory developments in the United States and foreign countries;

our plans to develop and commercialize our product candidates;

our ability to raise future financing for continued development;

the performance of our third-party commercial partners, suppliers and manufacturers;

our ability to obtain patent protection and defend our intellectual property rights;

our ability to successfully implement our strategy;

our ability to successfully manufacture commercial pharmaceuticals for our partners;

our ability to successfully integrate our acquisition of certain assets acquired in the Gainesville Transaction (as defined below); and

our ability to meet required debt payments and operate under increased leverage and associated lending covenants.

We may not actually achieve the plans, intentions or expectations disclosed in our forward-looking statements, and you should not place undue reliance on our forward-looking statements. Actual results or events could differ materially from the plans, intentions and expectations disclosed in the forward-looking statements we make. We have included important factors in the cautionary statements included in this prospectus, particularly under Risk Factors, that we believe could cause actual results or events to differ materially from the forward-looking statements that we make. Our forward-looking statements do not reflect the potential impact of any future acquisitions, mergers, dispositions, joint ventures, collaborations or investments we may make.

You should read this prospectus, any prospectus supplement and the documents that we incorporate by reference herein and therein completely and with the understanding that our actual future results may be materially different from what we expect. We do not assume any obligation to update any forward-looking statements.

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THE COMPANY

Overview

We are a revenue generating specialty pharmaceutical company developing multiple non-opioid therapeutics for the treatment of pain, initially for acute post operative pain. We have two product candidates entering late stage clinical trials for the management of acute post operative pain. Intravenous and intramuscular, or IV/IM, meloxicam, a proprietary, long-acting preferential COX-2 inhibitor for moderate to severe acute pain has successfully completed multiple Phase II clinical trials and are ready to begin pivotal Phase III clinical trials. We believe IV/IM meloxicam compares favorably to competitive therapies in onset of pain relief, duration of pain relief and time to peak analgesic effect. Dex-IN, a proprietary intranasal formulation of dexmedetomidine, or Dex, successfully completed a Phase II clinical trial in patients undergoing bunionectomy surgery. In this Phase II clinical trial, Dex-IN met the primary endpoint of the clinical trial in demonstrating significant pain relief compared with placebo over 48 hours (p=0.0214). Dex is a selective alpha-2 adrenergic agonist that has demonstrated analgesic properties in multiple studies. If approved, Dex-IN would also be the first and only approved acute post operative pain drug in its class of drugs. As our product candidates are not in the opioid class of drugs, we believe they will overcome many of the issues associated with commonly prescribed opioid therapeutics, including addiction, misuse/diversion, respiratory distress, and constipation while maintaining analgesic, or pain relieving, effect.

We own and operate an 87,000 square foot, DEA-licensed facility that manufactures five commercial products and receives royalties associated with the sales of these products. We manufacture the following products for our commercial partners: Ritalin LA[®], Focalin XR[®], Verelan PM[®], generic Verapamil and Zohydro ER[®].

We have a limited operating history. We have funded our operations to date primarily from proceeds received from private placements of convertible preferred stock, convertible notes and common stock and our initial public offering of common stock, or IPO. On March 12, 2014, we announced the closing of the IPO of 4,312,500 shares of common stock, including the full exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option, at a public offering price of \$8.00 per share. Total gross proceeds from the IPO were \$34.5 million before deducting underwriting discounts and commissions and other offering expenses payable by us, and we received net proceeds of \$30.3 million from the IPO. We have incurred losses and generated negative cash flows from operations since inception. As of June 30, 2015, we had an accumulated deficit of \$39.5 million. Substantially all of our operating losses resulted from costs incurred in connection with our development programs, including our non-clinical and formulation development activities, manufacturing and clinical trials. We expect to incur increasing expenses over the next several years to develop IV/IM meloxicam and Dex-IN, including planned Phase III pivotal and safety trials for IV/IM meloxicam and Dex-IN. Based upon additional financial resources, we may commercialize our proprietary formulations of meloxicam and Dex.

We expect that annual operating results of operations will fluctuate for the foreseeable future due to several factors. As a result, we expect to continue to incur significant and increasing operating losses for the foreseeable future.

On April 10, 2015, we completed our acquisition from Alkermes plc, or Alkermes, of certain assets, including the worldwide rights to IV/IM meloxicam and the contract manufacturing facility, royalty and formulation business in Gainesville, Georgia, now operating through our subsidiary, Recro Gainesville LLC, or Gainesville. We refer to the acquisition herein as the Gainesville Transaction. The Gainesville Transaction transformed our business through the addition of a revenue-generating business and increase in our workforce as a result of the addition of the Gainesville employees.

Under the terms of the purchase and sale agreement with Alkermes, we paid Alkermes \$54.0 million at closing, as adjusted for working capital. Alkermes is entitled to receive up to an additional \$120.0 million in

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milestone payments upon the achievement of certain regulatory and net sales milestones and royalties on future product net sales, in each case, related to IV/IM meloxicam. Upon closing, we issued to Alkermes a warrant to purchase an aggregate of 350,000 shares of our common stock at an exercise price of \$19.46 per share. The \$50.0 million up-front payment was funded with \$50.0 million in borrowings under a credit agreement that we entered into with OrbiMed Royalty Opportunities II, LP, or OrbiMed. The interest rate under the credit agreement is equal to LIBOR plus 14.0%, with a 1.0% LIBOR floor. Pursuant to the credit agreement, we issued OrbiMed a warrant to purchase an aggregate of 294,928 shares of our common stock at an exercise price of \$3.28 per share, subject to certain adjustments.

Corporate Information

Our principal executive offices are located at 490 Lapp Road, Malvern, PA 19355, and our telephone number is (484) 395-2470. Our website address is www.recropharma.com. The information contained in, or accessible through, our website does not constitute part of this prospectus. We make available free of charge on our website our annual, quarterly and current reports, including amendments to such reports, as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish such material to, the SEC. Information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, and you should not consider information contained on our website as part of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus.

Implications of Being an Emerging Growth Company

We qualify as an emerging growth company as defined in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012, or the JOBS Act. As an emerging growth company, we may take advantage of specified reduced disclosure and other requirements that are otherwise applicable generally to public companies. These provisions include:

requirement to provide only two years of audited financial statements in addition to any required unaudited interim financial statements with correspondingly reduced Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations disclosure;

reduced disclosure about our executive compensation arrangements;

no non-binding advisory votes on executive compensation or golden parachute arrangements; and

exemption from the auditor attestation requirement in the assessment of our internal control over financial reporting under Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002.

We have elected to use the extended transition period for complying with new or revised accounting standards under Section 102(b)(1) of the JOBS Act. This election allows us to delay the adoption of new or revised accounting standards that have different effective dates for public and private companies until those standards apply to private companies. As a result of this election, our financial statements may not be comparable to companies that comply with public company effective dates.

We may take advantage of these provisions for up to five years from the date of the initial public offering, or IPO, or such earlier time that we are no longer an emerging growth company. We would cease to be an emerging growth

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company on the date that is the earliest of: (1) the last day of the fiscal year in which we have total annual gross revenues of \$1 billion or more; (2) the last day of our fiscal year following the fifth anniversary of the date of the completion of our IPO, which we completed March 12, 2014; (3) the date on which we have issued more than \$1 billion in nonconvertible debt during the previous three years; or (4) the date on which we are deemed to be a large accelerated filer under the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC.

To the extent that we continue to qualify as a smaller reporting company, as such term is defined in Rule 12b-2 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, after we cease to qualify as

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an emerging growth company, certain of the exemptions available to us as an emerging growth company may continue to be available to us as a smaller reporting company, including: (1) not being required to comply with the auditor attestation requirements of our internal control over financial reporting under Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002; (2) scaled executive compensation disclosures; and (3) the requirement to provide only two years of audited financial statements, instead of three years.

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RISK FACTORS

Our business is influenced by many factors that are difficult to predict, and that involve uncertainties that may materially affect actual operating results, cash flows and financial condition. Before making an investment decision, you should carefully consider these risks, including those set forth in the Risk Factors section of our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC, as revised or supplemented by our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC since the filing of our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, each of which is incorporated by reference into this prospectus. You should also carefully consider any other information we include or incorporate by reference in this prospectus or include in any applicable prospectus supplement. Each of the risks described in these sections and documents could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects, and could result in a partial or complete loss of your investment.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless otherwise indicated in a prospectus supplement, we anticipate that the net proceeds from our sale of any securities will be used to fund the development of our clinical programs, for other research and development activities and for general corporate purposes, which may include capital expenditures and funding our working capital needs. We expect from time to time to evaluate the acquisition of businesses, products and technologies for which a portion of the net proceeds may be used, although we currently are not planning or negotiating any such transactions. Pending such uses, we may invest the net proceeds in investment grade interest-bearing securities.

The amounts actually expended for each purpose may vary significantly depending upon numerous factors, including the amount and timing of the proceeds from this offering and progress with our clinical development programs. Expenditures will also depend upon the establishment of collaborative arrangements with other companies, the availability of additional financing and other factors. Investors will be relying on the judgment of our management regarding the application of the proceeds of any sale of securities.

We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sales of common stock being offered by the selling shareholders.

SELLING SHAREHOLDERS

On July 7, 2015, pursuant to a securities purchase agreement with certain accredited investors dated July 1, 2015, we sold in a private placement 1,379,311 shares of our common stock at a price per share of \$11.60. The table below sets forth, to our knowledge, information about the selling shareholders as of August 17, 2015.

We do not know when or in what amounts the selling shareholders may offer shares for sale. The selling shareholders might not sell any of the shares registered pursuant to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. Because the selling shareholders may offer all or some of the shares pursuant to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part and because there are currently no agreements or understandings with respect to the sale of any shares, we cannot estimate the number of shares that will be held by the selling shareholders after completion of this offering. However, for purposes of this table, we have assumed that, after completion of this offering, none of the shares covered by this prospectus will be held by the selling shareholders.

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC and includes voting or investment power with respect to shares of our common stock. Unless otherwise indicated below, to our

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knowledge, the selling shareholders named in the table have sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares of common stock beneficially owned by them. The number of shares of common stock beneficially owned prior to the offering for each selling shareholder includes (i) all shares of our common stock held by such selling shareholder prior to the private placement plus (ii) all shares of our common stock purchased by such selling shareholder pursuant to the private placement and being offered pursuant to the prospectus, as well as (iii) all options or other derivative securities held by such selling shareholder, which are exercisable within 60 days of August 17, 2015. The percentages of shares owned after the offering are based on 9,221,374 shares of our common stock outstanding as of August 17, 2015, which includes the outstanding shares of common stock offered by this prospectus. The inclusion of any shares in this table does not constitute an admission of beneficial ownership by the person named below.

Throughout this prospectus, when we refer to the shares of our common stock being offered by this prospectus on behalf of the selling shareholders, we are referring to the shares of our common stock sold in the private placement, unless otherwise indicated.

The selling shareholders may have sold or transferred, in transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act, some or all of their shares of common stock since the date on which the information in the table below is presented. Information about the selling shareholders may change over time.

Name and Address	Prior to Offering		Number of Shares Offered	After Offering(1)	
	Number of Shares Beneficially Owned	Percentage of Shares Beneficially Owned		Number of Shares Beneficially Owned	Percentage of Shares Beneficially Owned
Broadfin Capital, LLC (1) 300 Park Avenue New York, NY 10022	2,060,086	22.3%	646,553	1,413,533	15.3%
Tourbillon Capital Partners, L.P. (2) 444 Madison Ave. 26 th Floor New York, NY 10022	646,552	7.0%	646,552		
Montserrat Global Fund (3) 60 E. 42 nd Street New York, NY 10165	73,275	*	73,275		
Montserrat Healthcare Fund (3) 60 E. 42 nd Street	12,931	*	12,931		

New York, NY 10165

* Less than 1%

- (1) Based upon information set forth in the Schedule 13D filed on July 15, 2015 by Broadfin Capital, LLC, or Broadfin, Broadfin Healthcare Master Fund, Ltd., or Master Fund, and Kevin Kotler. Broadfin, Master Fund and Mr. Kotler have shared voting and dispositive power over 2,060,086 shares of common stock. Mr. Kotler is the managing manager of Broadfin and has voting and dispositive power over its common units. Broadfin is the investment manager of Master Fund and has voting and dispositive power over its common units. Broadfin and Mr. Kotler each disclaim beneficial ownership of the share reported herein except to the extent of its or his pecuniary interest therein.
- (2) Based upon information set forth in the Schedule 13G filed on July 17, 2015 by Tourbillon Capital Partners, L.P. (Tourbillon) and Jason H. Karp. Mr. Karp is the Chief Investment Officer of Tourbillon and has voting and dispositive power over its common units. Tourbillon and Mr. Karp have shared voting and dispositive power over 646,552 shares of common stock.
- (3) Dr. Raj Mehra is the fund manager of Montserrat Global Fund and Montserrat Healthcare Fund and has voting and dispositive power over their investment decisions.

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Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions

On July 1, 2015, we entered into a Securities Purchase Agreement, or Purchase Agreement, with each of the selling shareholders, pursuant to which, on July 7, 2015, we sold to the selling shareholders in a private placement an aggregate of 1,379,311 shares of our common stock, at a price per share of \$11.60, for gross proceeds of approximately \$16.0 million. The Private Placement closed on July 7, 2015. Pursuant to the Purchase Agreement we agreed to prepare and file with the SEC within 45 days of the closing of the private placement a registration statement covering the resale of the shares of our common stock sold to the selling shareholders, and to cause the registration statement to become effective within 75 days in the event of no review by the SEC, or 120 days in the event of a review by the SEC, after the closing of the private placement. We agreed to keep the registration statement effective until the earlier of (i) the third anniversary of the closing of the Private Placement or (ii) the date on which all shares sold in the Private Placement could be sold by the selling shareholders under Rule 144 under the Securities Act without being subject to any volume, manner of sale or publicly available information requirements. We are registering the shares to be sold by the selling shareholders under the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part to satisfy our obligation under the Purchase Agreement.

Prior to purchasing shares of our common stock pursuant to the Purchase Agreement, Broadfin was a beneficial owner of approximately 18% of our outstanding common stock and, as of August 17, 2015, is the a beneficial owner of 22.3% of our outstanding common stock.

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PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We, and any selling shareholders and their successors, including their permitted transferees, may sell the offered securities in any of the ways described below or in any combination or any other way set forth in an applicable prospectus supplement from time to time:

to or through underwriters or dealers;

through one or more agents; or

directly to purchasers or to a single purchaser.

In addition, the selling shareholders may sell shares of our common stock under Rule 144 of the Securities Act rather than pursuant to this prospectus.

The distribution of the securities may be effected from time to time in one or more transactions:

at a fixed price, or prices, which may be changed from time to time;

at market prices prevailing at the time of sale;

at prices related to such prevailing market prices; or

at negotiated prices.

In connection with each offering by us and certain offerings by the selling shareholders (if applicable), a prospectus supplement will describe the method of distribution of the securities and any applicable restrictions. The prospectus supplement will also describe the specific terms of the offering of the securities, including the following:

the name or names of any underwriters, dealers or agents and the amounts of securities underwritten or purchased by each of them;

the public offering price of the securities and the proceeds to us and any selling shareholders and any discounts, commissions or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers; and

any securities exchanges on which the securities may be listed.

Any offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers may be changed from time to time.

In compliance with the guidelines of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, the maximum compensation to the underwriters or dealers in connection with the sale by us of our securities pursuant to this prospectus and the accompanying supplement to this prospectus may not exceed 8% of the aggregate offering price of the securities as set forth on the cover page of any prospectus supplement.

Only the agents or underwriters named in each prospectus supplement are agents or underwriters in connection with the securities being offered thereby.

Agents and underwriters may be entitled to indemnification by us or any selling shareholder against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribution from us or any selling shareholder with respect to payments which the agents or underwriters may be required to make in respect thereof. Agents and underwriters may be customers of, engage in transactions with, or perform services for us in the ordinary course of business.

Certain underwriters may use this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement for offers and sales related to market-making transactions in the securities. These underwriters may act as principal or agent in these transactions, and the sales will be made at prices related to prevailing market prices at the time of sale.

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The securities we or any selling shareholders offer may be new issues of securities and may have no established trading market. The securities may or may not be listed on a securities exchange. Underwriters may make a market in these securities, but will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue any market making at any time without notice. We can make no assurance as to the liquidity of, or the existence of trading markets for, any of the securities.

Certain persons participating in an offering may engage in overallotment, stabilizing transactions, short covering transactions and penalty bids in accordance with rules and regulations under the Exchange Act. Overallotment involves sales in excess of the offering size, which create a short position. Stabilizing transactions permit bids to purchase the underlying security so long as the stabilizing bids do not exceed a specified maximum. Short covering transactions involve purchases of the securities in the open market after the distribution is completed to cover short positions. Penalty bids permit the underwriters to reclaim a selling concession from a dealer when the securities originally sold by the dealer are purchased in a short covering transaction to cover short positions. Those activities may cause the price of the securities to be higher than it would otherwise be. If commenced, the underwriters may discontinue any of the activities at any time.

We also may sell any of the securities through agents designated by us from time to time. We will name any agent involved in the offer or sale of these securities and will list commissions payable by us to these agents in the applicable prospectus supplement. These agents will be acting on a best efforts basis to solicit purchases for the period of its appointment, unless stated otherwise in the applicable prospectuses.

Under the terms of the Purchase Agreement, we have agreed to indemnify the selling shareholders and certain other persons against certain liabilities in connection with the offering of the shares of our common stock offered hereby, including liabilities arising under the Securities Act or, if such indemnity is unavailable, to contribute toward amounts required to be paid in respect of such liabilities.

We or any selling shareholders may sell any of the securities directly to purchasers. In this case, we or any selling shareholders will not engage underwriters or agents in the offer and sale of these securities.

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GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF OUR SECURITIES

We may offer and sell, at any time and from time to time:

shares of our common stock;

shares of preferred stock;

warrants to purchase shares of our common stock, preferred stock and/or debt securities;

debt securities consisting of debentures, notes or other evidences of indebtedness;

units consisting of a combination of the foregoing securities;

subscription rights to purchase any of the foregoing securities; or

any combination of these securities.

The selling shareholders may also offer shares of our common stock from time to time. The terms of any securities we offer or that are offered by the selling shareholders will be determined at the time of sale. We may issue debt securities that are exchangeable for and/or convertible into common stock or any of the other securities that may be sold under this prospectus. When particular securities are offered by us, and in certain cases by the selling shareholders, a supplement to this prospectus will be filed with the SEC, which will describe the terms of the offering and sale of the offered securities.

DESCRIPTION OF OUR CAPITAL STOCK

The following description of our capital stock and provisions of our articles of incorporation, bylaws and the Pennsylvania Business Corporation law are summaries and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the articles of incorporation and the bylaws. We have filed copies of these documents with the SEC as exhibits to our registration statement, of which this prospectus forms a part.

Pursuant to our Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation, our authorized capital stock consists of 50,000,000 shares of common stock, par value of \$0.01 per share, and 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share, to be designated from time to time by our board.

Common Stock

As of August 17, 2015, there were 9,221,374 shares of our common stock issued and outstanding. Holders of our common stock are entitled to one vote for each share held on all matters submitted to a vote of shareholders, including the election of directors, and do not have cumulative voting rights. Accordingly, the holders of a majority of the

outstanding shares of common stock in person or represented by proxies in any election of directors can elect all of the directors standing for election, if they so choose, other than any directors that holders of any preferred stock that we may issue may be entitled to elect.

Subject to preferences that may be applicable to any then-outstanding shares of preferred stock, holders of our common stock are entitled to receive ratably dividends when, as, and if declared by our board of directors out of funds legally available therefor, subject to any preferential dividend rights of outstanding preferred stock. In the event of our liquidation, dissolution, or winding up, holders of our common stock will be entitled to ratably receive the net assets of our company available after the payments of all debts and other liabilities and subject to the prior rights of the holders of any then-outstanding shares of preferred stock.

Holders of our common stock have no preemptive, subscription, redemption or conversion rights. All outstanding shares of our common stock are, and the common stock to be outstanding upon completion of this offering, will be, duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable. The rights and privileges of the holders of the common stock are subject to, and may be adversely affected by, the rights of the holders of shares of any series of preferred stock that we may designate and issue in the future.

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Preferred Stock

Our board of directors has the authority, without further action by our shareholders, to issue up to 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock in one or more series, to establish from time to time the number of shares to be included in each such series, to fix the dividend, voting and other rights, preferences and privileges of the shares of each wholly unissued series and any qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereon, and to increase or decrease the number of shares of any such series, but not below the number of shares of such series then outstanding. Our board of directors may authorize the issuance of preferred stock with voting or conversion rights that could adversely affect the voting power or other rights of the holders of our common stock. The issuance of preferred stock, while providing flexibility in connection with possible acquisitions and other corporate purposes, could, among other things, have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in our control and may adversely affect the market price of the common stock and the voting and other rights of the holders of our common stock. We have no current plans to issue any shares of preferred stock.

Common Stock Warrants

We issued to the representatives of the underwriters in our IPO warrants to purchase up to 150,000 shares of our common stock, with a per share exercise price equal to \$12.00, or 150% of the public offering price., or IPO warrants. The IPO warrants provide for certain piggyback registration rights. The IPO warrants are exercisable by the underwriters at any time, in whole or in part, during the four year period commencing one year after the closing of our IPO.

In connection with the Gainesville Transaction, we issued to Alkermes a seven-year warrant to purchase an aggregate of 350,000 shares of our common stock, with a per share exercise price of \$19.46 per share. In addition, we issued to OrbiMed a seven year warrant to purchase an aggregate of 294,928 shares of our common stock, with a per share exercise price of \$3.28 per share, subject to certain adjustments.

Registration Rights

Private Placement

In connection with the Private Placement, we entered into the Purchase Agreement with the selling shareholders. Under the Purchase Agreement, we granted the selling shareholders certain registration rights with respect to the shares sold in the Private Placement. In particular, the Purchase Agreement requires us to file a registration statement with the SEC to register the sale of such shares within 45 days of the consummation of the private placement. This prospectus is being filed pursuant to such registration rights granted to the selling shareholders.

IPO Warrants

As stated above, holders of the IPO warrants have certain piggyback registration rights. If at any time prior to the third anniversary of our IPO we propose to register any shares of our common stock under the Securities Act, subject to certain exceptions, the holders of the IPO warrants will be entitled to notice of the registration and the right to include the shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of their IPO warrants in the registration statement. If our proposed registration involves an underwriting, the underwriter of such offering will have the right to limit the number of shares to be underwritten for reasons related to the marketing of the shares. The holders of IPO Warrants have waived their registration rights with regard to this prospectus.

Prior Holders of Series A Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock

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Holders of our common stock that were issued upon conversion of our Series A Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock immediately prior to the closing of our IPO are entitled to the following rights with respect to the registration of such shares, or registrable securities, for public resale under the Securities Act, pursuant to an

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Investor Rights Agreement by and among us and certain of our shareholders. The registration of shares of common stock as a result of the following rights being exercised would enable holders to trade these shares without restriction under the Securities Act when the applicable registration statement is declared effective. Such holders have waived their registration rights with regard to this prospectus.

Demand Registration Rights. If at any time the holders of a majority of the registrable securities request in writing that we file a registration statement under the Securities Act for the registration of at least 20% of our common stock then outstanding with an aggregate price of at least \$20 million, we may be required to register their shares. We are obligated to effect no more than two registrations for the holders of registrable securities in response to these demand registration rights. If the holders requesting registration intend to distribute their shares by means of an underwriting, the underwriter of such offering will have the right to limit the numbers of shares to be underwritten on a pro rata basis for reasons related to the marketing of the shares.

Piggyback Registration Rights. If at any time we propose to register any shares of our common stock under the Securities Act, subject to certain exceptions, the holders of registrable securities will be entitled to notice of the registration and the right to include their shares of registrable securities in the registration statement. If our proposed registration involves an underwriting, the underwriter of such offering will have the right to limit the number of shares to be underwritten for reasons related to the marketing of the shares.

Form S-3 Registration Rights. If at any time after we become entitled under the Securities Act to register our shares of common stock on Form S-3, holders of not less than 10% of the registrable securities then outstanding request in writing that we register their shares for public resale on Form S-3 and the reasonably anticipated price to the public is \$10 million or more, we will be required to use commercially reasonable efforts to effect such registration; provided, however, that we will not be required to effect such a registration if (1) we certify in a certificate signed by our Chief Executive Officer that we intend to engage in a registered public offering within 90 days of receiving the Form S-3 request, or (2) we certify in a certificate signed by our Chief Executive Officer stating that in our good faith judgment, it would be detrimental to the Company for such registration on Form S-3 to be effected at such time, in which event we have the right to defer the filing of the Form S-3 registration statement for a period of not more than 120 days.

Expenses. Subject to certain exceptions, and other than underwriting discounts and selling commissions, we will be required to pay all expenses incurred by us related to any registration effected pursuant to the exercise of these registration rights. These expenses may include all registration and filing fees, printing expenses, fees and disbursements of our counsel, blue sky fees and expenses and the expenses of any special audits incident to or required by the registration.

Termination of Registration Rights. These registration rights terminate three years after the completion of an underwritten public offering of our common stock, which generates aggregate proceeds of at least \$10,000,000, at a price per share of not less than four times the original purchase price of the shares of Series A Redeemable Convertible Preferred Stock. In addition, a holder's registration rights will expire if all registrable securities held by and issuable to such holder could be sold under Rule 144 of the Securities Act during any 90-day period.

Anti-Takeover Effects of Pennsylvania Law and Our Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws

Pennsylvania Anti-Takeover Law

Provisions of the Pennsylvania Business Corporation Law of 1988, or the PBCL, applicable to us provide, among other things, that:

we may not engage in a business combination with an interested shareholder, generally defined as a holder of 20% of a corporation's voting stock, during the five-year period after the interested shareholder became such except under certain specified circumstances;

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holders of our common stock may object to a control transaction involving us (a control transaction is defined as the acquisition by a person or group of persons acting in concert of at least 20% of the outstanding voting stock of a corporation), and demand that they be paid a cash payment for the fair value of their shares from the controlling person or group;

holders of control shares will not be entitled to voting rights with respect to any shares in excess of specified thresholds, including 20% voting control, until the voting rights associated with such shares are restored by the affirmative vote of a majority of disinterested shares and the outstanding voting shares of the Company; and

any profit, as defined, realized by any person or group who is or was a controlling person or group with respect to us from the disposition of any equity securities of within 18 months after the person or group became a controlling person or group shall belong to and be recoverable by us.

Pennsylvania-chartered corporations may exempt themselves from these and other anti-takeover provisions. Our articles of incorporation do not provide for exemption from the applicability of these or other anti-takeover provisions in the PBCL.

The provisions noted above may have the effect of discouraging a future takeover attempt that is not approved by our board of directors but which individual shareholders may consider to be in their best interests or in which shareholders may receive a substantial premium for their shares over the then current market price. As a result, shareholders who might wish to participate in such a transaction may not have an opportunity to do so. The provisions may also result in the removal of our board of directors or management more difficult. Furthermore, such provisions could render our company being deemed less attractive to a potential acquiror and/or could result in our shareholders receiving a lesser amount of consideration for their shares of our common stock than otherwise could have been available either in the market generally and/or in a takeover.

Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws

Provisions of our articles of incorporation and bylaws may delay or discourage transactions involving an actual or potential change of control or change in our management, including transactions in which shareholders might otherwise receive a premium for their shares, or transactions that our shareholders might otherwise deem to be in their best interests. Therefore, these provisions could adversely affect the price of our common stock. Among other things, our articles of incorporation and bylaws:

divide our board of directors into three classes with staggered three-year terms;

provide that a special meeting of shareholders may be called only by a majority of our board of directors;

establish advance notice procedures with respect to shareholder proposals to be brought before a shareholder meeting and the nomination of candidates for election as directors, other than nominations made by or at the direction of the board of directors or a committee of the board of directors;

provide that shareholders may only act at a duly organized meeting; and

provide that members of our board of directors may be removed from office by our shareholders only for cause by the affirmative vote of 75% of the total voting power of all shares entitled to vote generally in the election of directors.

Transfer Agent and Registrar

The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is Broadridge Corporate Issuer Solutions, Inc.

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Stock Market Listing

Our shares of common stock are listed for trading on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol REPH.

DESCRIPTION OF OUR WARRANTS

We may issue warrants to purchase shares of our common stock, preferred stock and/or debt securities in one or more series together with other securities or separately, as described in each applicable prospectus supplement. Below is a description of certain general terms and provisions of the warrants that we may offer. Particular terms of the warrants will be described in the applicable warrant agreements and the applicable prospectus supplement for the warrants.

The applicable prospectus supplement will contain, where applicable, the following terms of and other information relating to the warrants:

the specific designation and aggregate number of, and the price at which we will issue, the warrants;

the currency or currency units in which the offering price, if any, and the exercise price are payable;

the designation, amount and terms of the securities purchasable upon exercise of the warrants;

if applicable, the exercise price for shares of our common stock and the number of shares of common stock to be received upon exercise of the warrants;

if applicable, the exercise price for shares of our preferred stock, the number of shares of preferred stock to be received upon exercise of the warrants, and a description of that series of our preferred stock;

if applicable, the exercise price for our debt securities, the amount of our debt securities to be received upon exercise of the warrants, and a description of that series of debt securities;

the date on which the right to exercise the warrants will begin and the date on which that right will expire or, if the warrants may not be continuously exercised throughout that period, the specific date or dates on which the warrants may be exercised;

whether the warrants will be issued in fully registered form or bearer form, in definitive or global form or in any combination of these forms, although, in any case, the form of a warrant included in a unit will correspond to the form of the unit and of any security included in that unit;

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any applicable material U.S. federal income tax consequences;

the identity of the warrant agent for the warrants and of any other depositaries, execution or paying agents, transfer agents, registrars or other agents;

the proposed listing, if any, of the warrants or any securities purchasable upon exercise of the warrants on any securities exchange or market;

if applicable, the date from and after which the warrants and the common stock, preferred stock and/or debt securities will be separately transferable;

if applicable, the minimum or maximum amount of the warrants that may be exercised at any one time;

information with respect to book-entry procedures, if any

the anti-dilution provisions of the warrants, if any;

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any redemption or call provisions;

whether the warrants are to be sold separately or with other securities as parts of units; and

any additional terms of the warrants, including terms, procedures and limitations relating to the exchange and exercise of the warrants.

Transfer Agent and Registrar

The transfer agent and registrar for any warrants will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Description of Outstanding Warrants

As of August 17, 2015, there were 794,928 warrants to purchase shares of our common stock outstanding. See Description of Our Capital Stock – Common Stock Warrants.

DESCRIPTION OF OUR DEBT SECURITIES

This section describes the general terms and provisions of the debt securities that we may offer under this prospectus, any of which may be issued as convertible or exchangeable debt securities. We will set forth the particular terms of the debt securities we offer in a prospectus supplement. The extent, if any, to which the following general provisions apply to particular debt securities will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement. The following description of general terms relating to the debt securities and the indenture under which the debt securities will be issued are summaries only and therefore are not complete. You should read the indenture and the prospectus supplement regarding any particular issuance of debt securities.

We will issue any debt under an indenture to be entered into between us and the trustee identified in the applicable prospectus supplement. The terms of the debt securities will include those stated in the indenture and those made part of the indenture by reference to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as in effect on the date of the indenture. We have filed or will file a copy of the form of indenture as an exhibit to the registration statement in which this prospectus is included. The indenture will be subject to and governed by the terms of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939.

We may offer under this prospectus up to an aggregate principal amount of \$100,000,000 in debt securities, or if debt securities are issued at a discount, or in a foreign currency, foreign currency units or composite currency, the principal amount as may be sold for an aggregate initial public offering price of up to \$100,000,000. Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the debt securities will represent direct, unsecured obligations of the Company and will rank equally with all of our other unsecured indebtedness.

The following statements relating to the debt securities and the indenture are summaries, qualified in their entirety by reference to the detailed provisions of the indenture and the final form indenture as may be filed with a future prospectus supplement.

The prospectus supplement will set forth, to the extent required, the following terms of the debt securities in respect of which the prospectus supplement is delivered:

the title of the series;

the aggregate principal amount;

the issue price or prices, expressed as a percentage of the aggregate principal amount of the debt securities;

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any limit on the aggregate principal amount;

the date or dates on which principal is payable;

the interest rate or rates (which may be fixed or variable) or, if applicable, the method used to determine such rate or rates;

the date or dates from which interest, if any, will be payable and any regular record date for the interest payable;

the place or places where principal and, if applicable, premium and interest, is payable;

the terms and conditions upon which we may, or the holders may require us to, redeem or repurchase the debt securities;

the denominations in which such debt securities may be issuable, if other than denominations of \$1,000 or any integral multiple of that number;

whether the debt securities are to be issuable in the form of certificated securities (as described below) or global securities (as described below);

the portion of principal amount that will be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity date if other than the principal amount of the debt securities;

the currency of denomination;

the designation of the currency, currencies or currency units in which payment of principal and, if applicable, premium and interest, will be made;

if payments of principal and, if applicable, premium or interest, on the debt securities are to be made in one or more currencies or currency units other than the currency of denomination, the manner in which the exchange rate with respect to such payments will be determined;

if amounts of principal and, if applicable, premium and interest may be determined by reference to an index based on a currency or currencies or by reference to a commodity, commodity index, stock exchange index or financial index, then the manner in which such amounts will be determined;

the provisions, if any, relating to any collateral provided for such debt securities;

any addition to or change in the covenants and/or the acceleration provisions described in this prospectus or in the indenture;

any events of default, if not otherwise described below under Events of Default ;

the terms and conditions, if any, for conversion into or exchange for shares of our common stock or preferred stock;

any depositaries, interest rate calculation agents, exchange rate calculation agents or other agents; and

the terms and conditions, if any, upon which the debt securities shall be subordinated in right of payment to other indebtedness of the Company.

We may issue discount debt securities that provide for an amount less than the stated principal amount to be due and payable upon acceleration of the maturity of such debt securities in accordance with the terms of the indenture. We may also issue debt securities in bearer form, with or without coupons. If we issue discount debt securities or debt securities in bearer form, we will describe material U.S. federal income tax considerations and other material special considerations which apply to these debt securities in the applicable prospectus supplement. We may issue debt securities denominated in or payable in a foreign currency or currencies or a foreign currency unit or units. If we do, we will describe the restrictions, elections, and general tax considerations relating to the debt securities and the foreign currency or currencies or foreign currency unit or units in the applicable prospectus supplement.

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Exchange and/or Conversion Rights

We may issue debt securities which can be exchanged for or converted into shares of our common stock or preferred stock. If we do, we will describe the terms of exchange or conversion in the prospectus supplement relating to these debt securities.

Transfer and Exchange

We may issue debt securities that will be represented by either:

book-entry securities, which means that there will be one or more global securities registered in the name of a depository or a nominee of a depository; or

certificated securities, which means that they will be represented by a certificate issued in definitive registered form.

We will specify in the prospectus supplement applicable to a particular offering whether the debt securities offered will be book-entry or certificated securities.

Certificated Debt Securities

If you hold certificated debt securities issued under an indenture, you may transfer or exchange such debt securities in accordance with the terms of the indenture. You will not be charged a service charge for any transfer or exchange of certificated debt securities but may be required to pay an amount sufficient to cover any tax or other governmental charge payable in connection with such transfer or exchange.

Global Securities

The debt securities of a series may be issued in the form of one or more global securities that will be deposited with a depository or its nominees identified in the prospectus supplement relating to the debt securities. In such a case, one or more global securities will be issued in a denomination or aggregate denominations equal to the portion of the aggregate principal amount of outstanding debt securities of the series to be represented by such global security or securities.

Unless and until it is exchanged in whole or in part for debt securities in definitive registered form, a global security may not be registered for transfer or exchange except as a whole by the depository for such global security to a nominee of the depository and except in the circumstances described in the prospectus supplement relating to the debt securities. The specific terms of the depository arrangement with respect to a series of debt securities will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to such series.

Protection in the Event of Change of Control

Any provision in an indenture that governs our debt securities covered by this prospectus that includes any covenant or other provision providing for a put or increased interest or otherwise that would afford holders of our debt securities additional protection in the event of a recapitalization transaction, a change of control of the Company, or a highly leveraged transaction will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Covenants

Unless otherwise indicated in this prospectus or the applicable prospectus supplement, our debt securities may not have the benefit of any covenant that limits or restricts our business or operations, the pledging of our assets or the incurrence by us of indebtedness. We will describe in the applicable prospectus supplement any material covenants in respect of a series of debt securities.

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Consolidation, Merger and Sale of Assets

We may agree in any indenture that governs the debt securities of any series covered by this prospectus that we will not consolidate with or merge into any other person or convey, transfer, sell or lease our properties and assets substantially as an entirety to any person, unless such person and such proposed transaction meets various criteria, which we will describe in detail in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Defaults and Notice

The debt securities of any series will contain events of default to be specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, which may include, without limitation:

failure to pay the principal of, or premium or make-whole amount, if any, on any debt security of such series when due and payable (whether at maturity, by call for redemption, through any mandatory sinking fund, by redemption at the option of the holder, by declaration or acceleration or otherwise);

failure to make a payment of any interest on any debt security of such series when due;

our failure to perform or observe any other covenants or agreements in the indenture with respect to the debt securities of such series;

certain events relating to our bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization; and

certain cross defaults, if and as applicable.

If an event of default with respect to debt securities of any series shall occur and be continuing, we may agree that the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding debt securities of such series may declare the principal amount (or, if the debt securities of such series are issued at an original issue discount, such portion of the principal amount as may be specified in the terms of the debt securities of such series) of all debt securities of such series or such other amount or amounts as the debt securities or supplemental indenture with respect to such series may provide, to be due and payable immediately. Any provisions pertaining to events of default and any remedies associated therewith will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Any indenture that governs our debt securities covered by this prospectus may require that the trustee under such indenture shall, within 90 days after the occurrence of a default, give to holders of debt securities of any series notice of all uncured defaults with respect to such series known to it. However, in the case of a default that results from the failure to make any payment of the principal of, premium or make-whole amount, if any, or interest on the debt securities of any series, or in the payment of any mandatory sinking fund installment with respect to debt securities of such series, if any, the trustee may withhold such notice if it in good faith determines that the withholding of such notice is in the interest of the holders of debt securities of such series. Any terms and provisions relating to the foregoing types of provisions will be described in further detail in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Any indenture that governs our debt securities covered by this prospectus will contain a provision entitling the trustee to be indemnified by holders of debt securities before proceeding to exercise any trust or power under the indenture at the request of such holders. Any such indenture may provide that the holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then outstanding debt securities of any series may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceedings for any remedy available to the trustee, or of exercising any trust or power conferred upon the trustee with respect to the debt securities of such series. However, the trustee under any such indenture may decline to follow any such direction if, among other reasons, the trustee determines in good faith that the actions or proceedings as directed may not lawfully be taken, would involve the trustee in personal liability or would be unduly prejudicial to the holders of the debt securities of such series not joining in such direction.

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Any indenture that governs our debt securities covered by this prospectus may endow the holders of such debt securities to institute a proceeding with respect to such indenture, subject to certain conditions, which will be specified in the applicable prospectus supplement and which may include, that the holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of such series then outstanding make a written request upon the trustee to exercise its power under the indenture, indemnify the trustee and afford the trustee reasonable opportunity to act. Even so, such holders may have an absolute right to receipt of the principal of, premium or make-whole amount, if any, and interest when due, to require conversion or exchange of debt securities if such indenture provides for convertibility or exchangeability at the option of the holder and to institute suit for the enforcement of such rights. Any terms and provisions relating to the foregoing types of provisions will be described in further detail in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Modification of the Indenture

We and the trustee may modify any indenture that governs our debt securities of any series covered by this prospectus with or without the consent of the holders of such debt securities, under certain circumstances to be described in a prospectus supplement.

Defeasance; Satisfaction and Discharge

The prospectus supplement will outline the conditions under which we may elect to have certain of our obligations under the indenture discharged and under which the indenture obligations will be deemed to be satisfied.

Regarding the Trustee

We will identify the trustee and any relationship that we may have with such trustee, with respect to any series of debt securities, in the prospectus supplement relating to the applicable debt securities. You should note that if the trustee becomes a creditor of Recro Pharma, Inc., the indenture and the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 limit the rights of the trustee to obtain payment of claims in certain cases, or to realize on certain property received in respect of any such claim, as security or otherwise. The trustee and its affiliates may engage in, and will be permitted to continue to engage in, other transactions with us and our affiliates. If, however, the trustee acquires any conflicting interest within the meaning of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, it must eliminate such conflict or resign.

Governing Law

The law governing the indenture and the debt securities will be identified in the prospectus supplement relating to the applicable indenture and debt securities.

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DESCRIPTION OF OUR UNITS

The following description, together with the additional information we include in any applicable prospectus supplement, summarizes the material terms and provisions of the units that we may offer under this prospectus. Units may be offered independently or together with common stock, preferred stock, debt securities and/or warrants offered by any prospectus supplement, and may be attached to or separate from those securities. While the terms we have summarized below will generally apply to any future units that we may offer under this prospectus, we will describe the particular terms of any series of units that we may offer in more detail in the applicable prospectus supplement. The terms of any units offered under a prospectus supplement may differ from the terms described below.

We will incorporate by reference into the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part the form of unit agreement, including a form of unit certificate if any, that describes the terms of the series of units we are offering before the issuance of the related series of units. The following summaries of material provisions of the units, and the unit agreements, are subject to, and qualified in their entirety by reference to, all the provisions of the unit agreement applicable to a particular series of units. We urge you to read the applicable prospectus supplements related to the units that we sell under this prospectus, as well as the complete unit agreements that contain the terms of the units.

General

We may issue units comprised of one or more shares of common stock or preferred stock, debt securities and warrants in any combination. Each unit will be issued so that the holder of the unit is also the holder of each security included in the unit. Thus, the holder of a unit will have the rights and obligations of a holder of each included security. The unit agreement under which a unit is issued may provide that the securities included in the unit may not be held or transferred separately, at any time or at any time before a specified date.

We will describe in the applicable prospectus supplement the terms of the series of units, including:

the designation and terms of the units and of the securities comprising the units, including whether, and under what circumstances, those securities may be held or transferred separately;

the rights and obligations of the unit agent, if any;

any provisions of the governing unit agreement that differ from those described below; and

any provisions for the issuance, payment, settlement, transfer or exchange of the units or of the securities comprising the units.

The provisions described in this section, as well as those described under [Description of Our Capital Stock](#), [Description of Our Debt Securities](#) and [Description of Our Warrants](#), will apply to each unit and to any common stock, preferred stock, debt securities or warrants included in each unit, respectively.

Issuance in Series

We may issue units in such amounts and in numerous distinct series as we determine.

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DESCRIPTION OF OUR SUBSCRIPTION RIGHTS

As specified in any applicable prospectus supplement, we may issue subscription rights consisting of one or more debt securities, shares of preferred stock, shares of common stock or any combination of such securities.

LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the issuance of the securities offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Pepper Hamilton LLP, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. As appropriate, legal counsel representing the selling shareholders, underwriters, dealers or agents will be named in the accompanying prospectus supplement and may opine to certain legal matters.

EXPERTS

The financial statements of Recro Pharma, Inc. as of December 31, 2013 and 2014, and for the years then ended, have been incorporated by reference herein in reliance upon the report of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The combined financial statements of DARA incorporated in this prospectus by reference to Recro Pharma, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K/A filed with the SEC on June 2, 2015 have been incorporated by reference in this prospectus in reliance upon the report of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference information from other documents that we file with it, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus. Information in this prospectus supersedes information incorporated by reference that we filed with the SEC prior to the date of this prospectus.

We incorporate by reference into this prospectus and the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part the information or documents listed below that we have filed with the SEC:

our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, filed on March 25, 2015;

our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the periods ended March 31, 2015 and June 30, 2015, filed on May 12, 2015 and August 14, 2015, respectively;

our Current Reports on Form 8-K (other than portions thereof furnished under Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 of Form 8-K and exhibits accompanying such reports that are related to such items) filed on February 3, 2015, February 5, 2015, March 11, 2015, April 16, 2015 (as amended by Form 8-K/A filed on June 2, 2015, Form 8-K/A filed on June 26, 2015 and Form 8-K/A filed on July 21, 2015), April 16, 2015, May 12, 2015, May 28, 2015, June 26, 2015, July 8, 2015, July 16, 2015, July 17, 2015 and July 24, 2015;

The description of our common stock contained in our registration statement on Form 8-A filed on March 4, 2014 (Registration no. 001-36329) with the SEC, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description;

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All documents filed by us with the SEC pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, after the date of the initial filing of the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part and prior to the effectiveness of such registration statement; and

All documents filed by us with the SEC pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act on or after the date of this prospectus and before we stop offering the securities under this prospectus.

You may request, orally or in writing, a copy of any or all of the documents incorporated herein by reference. These documents will be provided to you at no cost, by contacting: Susan Kim, Argot Partners, 767 Third Avenue, 29th Floor, New York, NY 10017, (212) 600-1902, email address: susan@argotpartners.com. In addition, copies of any or all of the documents incorporated herein by reference may be accessed at our website at <http://www.recropharma.com>. The information on such website is not incorporated by reference and is not a part of this prospectus.

You should rely only on information contained in, or incorporated by reference into, this prospectus and any prospectus supplement. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information different from that contained in this prospectus or incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any document we file with the SEC at the SEC's public reference room at 100 F Street NE, Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the SEC's public reference facilities by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. You can request copies of these documents, upon payment of a duplicating fee, by writing to the SEC at its principal office at 100 F Street NE, Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549-1004. The SEC maintains an Internet website at <http://www.sec.gov> that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC. Our SEC filings are accessible through the Internet at that website. Our reports on Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K, and amendments to those reports, are also available for download, free of charge, as soon as reasonably practicable after these reports are filed with the SEC, at our website at www.recropharma.com. The content contained in, or that can be accessed through, our website is not a part of this prospectus.

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\$100,000,000

Common Stock

Preferred Stock

Debt Securities

Warrants

Units

and

1,379,311 Shares of Common Stock

PROSPECTUS

, 2015

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Set forth below is an estimate (except in the case of the registration fee) of the amount of fees and expenses to be incurred in connection with the issuance and distribution of the offered securities registered hereby, other than underwriting discounts and commission, if any, incurred in connection with the sale of the offered securities. All such amounts will be borne by Recro Pharma, Inc.

	Amount to be paid
SEC registration fee	\$ 13,794.94
NASDAQ Capital Market additional listing fee	\$ (1)
Printing expenses	\$ (1)
Accounting fees and expenses	\$ (1)
Legal fees and expenses	\$ (1)
Miscellaneous	\$ (1)
Total	\$ (1)

(1) These fees are calculated based on the securities offered and the number of issuances and accordingly cannot be estimated at this time.

Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

The Company's by-laws provide that, to the fullest extent permitted by Pennsylvania law, any officer or director of the Company who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to, any threatened, or pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, by reason of fact that he/she is or was acting as was a representative of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request or for the benefit of the Company as a director, officer, employee, agent, partner, or fiduciary of, or in any other capacity for, another corporation or any partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise, shall be indemnified by the Company for any losses or expenses incurred in connection with service as an officer or director of the Company, if the director or officer acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the Company and, with respect to any criminal proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful.

Pennsylvania law requires that to the extent that a director or officer of the Company has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action or proceeding referred to above or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, that director or officer shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorney fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection therewith. The Company's by-laws further provide that the right to indemnification includes the right to have expenses reasonably incurred in defending any action or proceeding described above paid by the Company in advance of the final disposition of the action or proceeding to the fullest extent permitted by Pennsylvania law; provided that, if required by Pennsylvania law, the payment of such expenses incurred in advance of the final disposition of the action or proceeding shall be made only upon delivery to the Company of an undertaking to repay all amounts so advanced without interest if it is ultimately determined that the director or officer

is not entitled to be indemnified.

Indemnification shall not be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which the person has been adjudged to be liable to the Company unless and only to the extent that a court determines that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, the person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for the expenses that the court deems proper. Nor shall indemnification be made in any case where the act or failure to act giving rise to the claim for indemnification is determined by a court to have constituted willful misconduct or recklessness.

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Item 16. Exhibits.

See the Exhibit Index on the page immediately preceding the exhibits for a list of exhibits filed as part of this Registration Statement on Form S-3, which Exhibit Index is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 17. Undertakings.

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the SEC pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (i), (ii) and (iii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the SEC by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(5) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:

(i) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and

(ii) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5) or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii) or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by Section 10(a) of the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the

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date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration

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statement to which the prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date; or

(6) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

(i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;

(ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;

(iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and

(iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(h) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act 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 Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the 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 Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

(j) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes to file an application for the purpose of determining the eligibility of the trustee to act under subsection (a) of Section 310 of the Trust Indenture Act in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Commission under Section 305(b)(2) of the Act.

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in Malvern, Pennsylvania, on August 20, 2015.

RECRO PHARMA, INC.

By: /s/ Gerri A. Henwood
Gerri A. Henwood
Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

We, the undersigned officers and directors of Recro Pharma, Inc., hereby severally constitute and appoint Gerri A. Henwood and Charles Garner, our true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution in her or him for her or him and in her or his name, place and stead, and in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement, and any other registration statement for the same offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite or necessary to be done in and about the premises, as full to all intents and purposes as she or he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorney-in-fact and agent, or her or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Gerri A. Henwood Gerri A. Henwood	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	August 20, 2015
/s/ Charles Garner Charles Garner	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	August 20, 2015
/s/ Donna Nichols Donna Nichols	Vice President, Corporate Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)	August 20, 2015
/s/ Alfred Altomari Alfred Altomari	Director	August 20, 2015
/s/ William L. Ashton William L. Ashton	Director	August 20, 2015
/s/ Michael Berelowitz Michael Berelowitz	Director	August 20, 2015

/s/ Winston J. Churchill
Winston J. Churchill

Director

August 20, 2015

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Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Abraham Ludomirski Abraham Ludomirski	Director	August 20, 2015
/s/ Wayne B. Weisman Wayne B. Weisman	Director	August 20, 2015

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Exhibit No.	Description	Method of Filing
1.1*	Form of Underwriting Agreement	
4.1	Second Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Recro Pharma, Inc.	Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 13, 2014.
4.2	Third Amended and Restated Bylaws of Recro Pharma, Inc.	Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 13, 2014.
4.3	Specimen certificate evidencing shares of common stock	Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1/A filed on December 20, 2013.
4.4	Investor Rights Agreement, dated September 4, 2008, by and among Recro Pharma, Inc., and the investors party thereto	Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1/A filed on November 29, 2013.
4.5	Registration Rights Agreement, dated February 2, 2015, between Recro Pharma, Inc. and Aspire Capital Fund, LLC	Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 3, 2015.
4.6	Form of Alkermes Warrant	Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 11, 2015.
4.7	Form of OrbiMed Warrant	Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 11, 2015.
4.8*	Specimen certificate evidencing shares of preferred stock	
4.9*	Form of any Certificate of Designation setting forth the preferences and rights with respect to any preferred stock issued hereunder	
4.10	Form of Indenture	Filed herewith.
4.11*	Form of Debt Securities	
4.12*	Form of Warrant	
4.13*	Form of Warrant Agreement for Common Stock, including Warrant Certificate for Common Stock	
4.14*	Form of Warrant Agreement for Preferred Stock, including Warrant Certificate for Preferred Stock	

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4.15*	Form of Warrant Agreement for Debt Securities, including Warrant Certificate for Debt Securities	
4.16*	Form of Unit Agreement	
4.17*	Form of Subscription Rights Agreement	
5.1	Opinion of Pepper Hamilton, LLP	Filed herewith.

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Exhibit No.	Description	Method of Filing
10.1	Form of Securities Purchase Agreement, dated July 1, 2015, by and among Recro Pharma, Inc. and the purchasers party thereto	Incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 8, 2015.
23.1	Consent of KPMG LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm	Filed herewith.
23.2	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm	Filed herewith.
23.3	Consent of Pepper Hamilton, LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).	Filed herewith.
24.1	Power of Attorney (included on signature page hereto).	Filed herewith.
25.1**	Form T-1 Statement of Eligibility and Qualification under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 of Trustee for Form of Indenture.	

* To be filed by amendment or as an exhibit to a report pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

** To be filed in accordance with the requirements of Section 305(b)(2) of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 and Rule 5b-3 thereunder.