

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:

GRITSTONE BIO, INC.,¹

Debtor.

Chapter 11

Case No. 24-12305 (KBO)

Re Docket No. 10

**INTERIM ORDER (I) AUTHORIZING THE DEBTOR TO (A) CONTINUE
OPERATING CASH MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, (B) HONOR AND PAY BANK
FEES, (C) MAINTAIN EXISTING BUSINESS FORMS, (II) SCHEDULING
A FINAL HEARING, AND (III) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF**

Upon consideration of the motion (the “Motion”)² of the above-captioned debtor and debtor-in-possession (the “Debtor”), for the entry of an interim order (this “Interim Order”), pursuant to sections 105, 345, and 363 of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules 6003 and 6004, and Local Rule 2015-2: (i) authorizing the Debtor to (a) continue operating the Cash Management System, (b) honor and pay the Bank Fees in the normal course, including any prepetition Bank Fees, and (c) maintain existing business forms; and (ii) granting related relief, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon consideration of the First Day Declaration; and this Court having jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware*, dated February 29, 2012; and this Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2), and this Court having found that venue of this proceeding and the Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and this Court having found that the Debtor’s notice of the Motion and opportunity for a hearing on the Motion were appropriate under

¹ The Debtor’s mailing address is 4698 Willow Road, Pleasanton, CA 94588, and the last four digits of the Debtor’s federal tax identification number is 9534.

² A capitalized term used but not defined herein have the meaning ascribed to it in the Motion.



the circumstances and no other notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Motion and having heard the statements in support of the relief requested therein at an interim hearing before this Court (the “Hearing”); and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion and at the Hearing establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion is GRANTED on an interim basis, as set forth in this Interim Order.
2. The final hearing (the “Final Hearing”) on the Motion shall be held on November 13, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time). Any objections or responses to entry of a final order on the Motion shall be filed with the Court, and served so as to be received by the following parties, **by no later than 4:00 p.m., prevailing Eastern Time, on November 6, 2024:** (i) proposed counsel to the Debtor, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP, 919 North Market Street, 17th Floor, P.O. Box 8705, Wilmington, DE 19899-8705 (Courier 19801), Attn: James E. O’Neill (joneill@pszjlaw.com); (ii) the Office of The United States Trustee, 844 King Street, Suite 2207, Lockbox 35, Wilmington, DE 19801; (iii) counsel to the Prepetition Secured Lender (Stuart Komrower (skomrower@coleschotz.com), Cole Schatz P.C., Court Plaza North, 25 Main Street, Hackensack, NJ 07601; and (iv) counsel for any official committee of unsecured creditors appointed in the Chapter 11 Cases. In the event that no objections to entry of a final order on the Motion are timely received, this Court may enter such final order without need for the Final Hearing.
3. The Debtor is authorized, but not directed, on an interim basis, to: (a) continue operating the Cash Management System, substantially as identified on Exhibit C to the Motion

and as described in the Motion; (b) honor its prepetition obligations related thereto; (c) use, in their present form, all preprinted correspondence and Business Forms (including letterhead) without reference to the Debtor's status as debtor-in-possession, *provided* that once the Debtor's existing supply of checks has been exhausted, the Debtor shall, when reordering (or with respect to checks the Debtor or its agents print themselves, within 15 days hereof) require or print, as applicable, the "Debtor in Possession" legend and corresponding bankruptcy case number on all such items; (d) continue to use, with the same account numbers, the Bank Accounts in existence as of the Petition Date, including those accounts identified on Exhibit D to the Motion; (e) treat the Debtor Bank Accounts for all purposes as accounts of the Debtor as debtor-in-possession; (f) deposit funds into and withdraw funds from the Bank Accounts by all usual means, including checks, wire transfers, and other debits; and (g) pay the Bank Fees, including any prepetition amounts and any ordinary course Bank Fees incurred in connection with the Bank Accounts, and otherwise to perform its obligations under the documents governing the Bank Accounts; *provided* that in the case of each of (a) through (g), such action is taken in the ordinary course of business and consistent with historical practices; provided, further that the Debtor will consult with the Prepetition Secured Lender with respect to any material changes to the Cash Management System or Bank Accounts.

4. The Bank is authorized to continue to maintain, service, and administer the Bank Accounts as accounts of the Debtor as debtor-in-possession, without interruption and in the ordinary course of business consistent with historical practices, and to receive, process, honor, and pay, to the extent of available funds, any and all checks, drafts, wires, credit card payments, and ACH transfers issued and drawn on the Bank Accounts after the Petition Date by the holders or makers thereof, as the case may be, and all such banks and financial institutions are authorized to

rely on the Debtor's designation of any particular check or electronic payment request as approved by this Interim Order; *provided* that the Debtor shall only instruct or request any Bank to pay or honor any check, draft, or other payment item issued on a Bank Account prior to the Petition Date but presented to such Bank for payment after the Petition Date as authorized by an order of the Court; provided, further that the Debtor will provide the Prepetition Secured Lender with advanced notice if it intends to close any Bank Accounts or open any new bank accounts.

5. The Bank is authorized to debit the Debtor's accounts in the ordinary course of business, consistent with historical practices, without the need for further order of this Court, for: (a) all checks drawn on the Debtor's accounts which are cashed at such Bank's counters or exchanged for cashier's checks by the payees thereof prior to the Petition Date; (b) all checks or other items deposited in the Debtor's accounts with such Bank prior to the Petition Date that have been dishonored or returned unpaid for any reason, together with any fees and costs in connection therewith, to the same extent that the Debtor was responsible for such items prior to the Petition Date; and (c) all undisputed prepetition amounts outstanding as of the date hereof, if any, owed to the Bank as service charges for the maintenance of the Cash Management System.

6. Any existing agreements between or among the Debtor, the Bank, and other parties shall continue to govern the postpetition cash management relationship between the Debtor and the Bank, and all of the provisions of such agreements, including, without limitation, the termination provisions, fee provisions, rights, benefits, offset rights, and remedies afforded under such agreements shall remain in full force and effect unless otherwise ordered by the Court, and the Debtor and the Bank may without further order of the Court, agree to and implement changes to the Cash Management System and cash management procedures in the ordinary course of

business, consistent with historical practices, including, without limitation, the opening and closing of bank accounts, subject to the terms and conditions of this Interim Order.

7. The Debtor's time to comply with section 345(b) of the Bankruptcy Code is hereby extended for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this Order (the "Extension Period"), provided, however, that such extension is without prejudice to the Debtor's right to request a further extension of the Extension Period or a final waiver of the requirements of section 345(b) in these Chapter 11 Cases.

8. For the Banks at which the Debtor holds Bank Accounts that are party to a Uniform Depository Agreement with the U.S. Trustee, as soon as practicable after entry of this Interim Order, the Debtor shall: (a) contact such Bank; (b) provide such Bank with each of the Debtor's employer identification numbers; and (c) identify each of its Bank Accounts held at such Bank as being held by a debtor-in-possession in this Chapter 11 Case.

9. For any Bank at which the Debtor holds Bank Accounts that are not party to a Uniform Depository Agreement with the U.S. Trustee, the Debtor shall use their good-faith efforts to cause the Bank to execute a Uniform Depository Agreement in a form prescribed by the U.S. Trustee within thirty (30) days of the date of this Interim Order. The U.S. Trustee's rights to seek further relief from this Court in the event that the aforementioned banks are unwilling to execute a Uniform Depository Agreement in a form prescribed by the U.S. Trustee are fully reserved.

10. All banks maintaining any of the Bank Accounts that are provided with notice of this Interim Order shall not honor or pay any bank payments drawn on the listed Bank Accounts or otherwise issued before the Petition Date; *provided, however*, that any such bank shall not be found to be in violation of this Interim Order nor liable to the Debtor or its estate should any such bank honor or pay any bank payment: (a) in a good-faith belief that the Court has authorized such

payment to be honored; or (b) as the result of a mistake made despite implementation of customary item handling procedures.

11. The Bank is authorized, without further order of the Court, to deduct any applicable fees from the applicable Bank Accounts in the ordinary course of business consistent with historical practices and pursuant to the applicable agreements governing each Bank Account.

12. The Bank is authorized, without further order of the Court, to charge back to the appropriate accounts of the Debtor any amounts resulting from returned checks or other returned items, including returned items that result from ACH transactions, wire transfers, or other electronic transfers of any kind, regardless of whether such returned items were deposited or transferred prepetition or postpetition and regardless of whether the returned items relate to prepetition or postpetition items or transfers, including, without limitation, on account of checks that have been dishonored or returned as a result of insufficient funds in the Bank Accounts, in each case to the same extent that the Debtor was responsible for such items prior to the Petition Date.

13. Subject to the terms set forth herein, any bank, including the Bank, may rely upon the representations of the Debtor with respect to whether any check, draft, wire, or other transfer drawn or issued by the Debtor prior to the Petition Date should be honored pursuant to any order of the Court, and no Bank that honors a prepetition check or other item drawn on any account that is the subject of this Interim Order: (a) at the direction of the Debtor; (b) in a good-faith belief that the Court has authorized such prepetition check or item to be honored; or (c) as a result of a mistake made despite implementation of reasonable customary handling procedures, shall be deemed to be liable or shall be liable to the Debtor, its estate, or any other party on account of such prepetition

check or other item being honored postpetition or otherwise deemed to be in violation of this Interim Order.

14. Any banks, including the Bank, are further authorized to honor the Debtor's directions with respect to the opening and closing of any Bank Account and accept and hold, or invest, the Debtor's funds in accordance with the Debtor's instructions; *provided* that the Bank shall not have any liability to any party for relying on such representations to the extent that such reliance otherwise complies with applicable law.

15. The Debtor and the Banks may, without further order of this Court, agree to and implement changes to the Cash Management System and procedures related thereto in the ordinary course of business, without limitation, the opening of any new bank accounts, the closing of any existing Bank Accounts, and entrance into ancillary agreements, including new deposit account control agreements related to the foregoing, as the Debtor may deem necessary and appropriate. Any new bank account opened by the Debtor shall be established at an institution that is (a) a party to a UDA with the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware or is willing to immediately execute a UDA, and (b) bound by the terms of this Interim Order. The Debtor shall provide notice within fifteen (15) days to the U.S. Trustee of the opening of such account or closing of any Bank Account; *provided*, that such opening or closing shall be timely indicated on the Debtor's monthly operating reports.

16. Nothing contained in the Motion or this Interim Order shall be construed to: (a) create or perfect, in favor of any person or entity, any interest in cash of the Debtor that did not exist as of the Petition Date; or (b) alter or impair the validity, priority, enforceability, or perfection of any security interest or lien or setoff right, in favor of any person or entity, that existed as of the Petition Date.

17. Nothing contained in the Motion or this Interim Order, and no action taken pursuant to the relief requested or granted (including any payment made in accordance with this Interim Order), is intended as or shall be construed or deemed to be: (a) an admission as to the amount of, basis for, or validity of any claim against the Debtor under the Bankruptcy Code or other applicable nonbankruptcy law; (b) a waiver of the Debtor's or any other party in interest's right to dispute any claim on any grounds; (c) a promise or requirement to pay any particular claim; (d) an implication, admission, or finding that any particular claim is an administrative expense claim, other priority claim, or otherwise of a type specified or defined in the Motion or this Interim Order; (e) a request or authorization to assume, adopt, or reject any agreement, contract, or lease pursuant to section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code; (f) an admission as to the validity, priority, enforceability, or perfection of any lien on, security interest in, or other encumbrance on property of the Debtor's estate; or (g) a waiver or limitation of any claims, causes of action, or other rights of the Debtor or any other party in interest against any person or entity under the Bankruptcy Code or other applicable nonbankruptcy law.

18. The Debtor is authorized, but not directed, to issue postpetition checks, or to effect postpetition fund transfer requests, in replacement of any checks or fund transfer requests that are dishonored as a consequence of these Chapter 11 Cases with respect to prepetition amounts owed in connection with the relief granted herein.

19. Nothing in this Interim Order authorizes the Debtor to accelerate any payments not otherwise due.

20. The Debtor has demonstrated that the requested relief is "necessary to avoid immediate and irreparable harm" as contemplated by Bankruptcy Rule 6003.

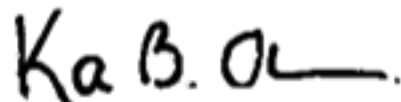
21. Notice of the Motion as provided therein shall be deemed good and sufficient notice of such Motion, and the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 6004(a) and the Local Rules are satisfied by such notice.

22. Notwithstanding Bankruptcy Rule 6004(h), the terms and conditions of this Interim Order are immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.

23. The Debtor is authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Interim Order in accordance with the Motion.

24. This Court retains jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Interim Order.

Dated: October 16th, 2024
Wilmington, Delaware

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ka B. Owens", with a stylized flourish at the end.

KAREN B. OWENS
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE