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If you have sold or otherwise transferred all your shares in Ovoca Bio plc (the "Company"), please send this document and the accompanying Form of Proxy to the purchaser or transferee, or to the stockbroker, bank or other agent through whom the sale or transfer was effected for delivery to the purchaser or transferee.

#### **OVOCA BIO PLC**

#### **NOTICE OF 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

## A letter from the Chairman of the Company is set out on pages 1 and 2 of this document.

Notice of the AGM of the Company is set out on pages 4 to 8 of this document.

Shareholders are entitled to appoint a proxy in respect of the AGM. A Form of Proxy for use at the meeting has been sent to all shareholders. The form should be returned in the pre-paid envelope provided to the Company's registrars, Computershare Investor Services (Ireland) Limited, 3100 Lake Drive, Citywest Business Campus, Dublin 24, so as to be received no later than 4 p.m. on 28 November 2023.

The process for appointing a proxy and/or voting at the AGM will depend on the manner in which you hold your ordinary shares. Further information on the procedures to be followed in order to validly appoint a proxy are set out on pages 6 to 8 of this document. In particular, persons who hold their interests in ordinary shares through the securities settlement system operated by Euroclear Bank SA/NV ("Euroclear Bank") (the "EB System") or as CREST Depository Interests ("CDIs") through the CREST system ("CREST") should consult with their stockbroker or other intermediary at the earliest opportunity for further information on the processes and timelines for submitting proxy votes for the AGM through the respective systems.

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# **OVOCA BIO PLC**

(the "Company")

(Registered in Ireland, Registered Company Number 105274)

### **Registered Office:**

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Kristina Zakurdaeva Anastasia Levashova

Reneta Nikolova (Company Secretary)

**07 November 2023** 

Dear Shareholder

## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023**

The 2023 Annual General Meeting ("**AGM**") of the Company will be held via live conference facility on 30 November 2023 at 4 p.m. Further details in relation to shareholder participation in the meeting is detailed on pages 6 and 7 of this document. The formal notice of the AGM is set out on pages 4 to 9 of this document and explanatory notes to the special business are provided on page 3.

The Company acknowledges that many shareholders may not be in a position to physically attend the meeting in person and as such has decided to hold this year's AGM entirely electronically.

It will be possible to fully participate in the meeting using the live conferencing facility provided by the Company for this purpose. Shareholders will be able to use this facility to vote and /or ask questions.

Shareholders will also be able to submit questions in advance of the AGM in writing by email to the Company Secretary at info@ovocabio.com to be received no later than 4 p.m. on 28 November 2023. All correspondence should include sufficient information to identify the shareholder on the Register of Members. Questions submitted using these methods will be addressed by the Chairman at the AGM, where possible.

All resolutions at the AGM will be decided on a poll, and the results will be published on the company's website, www.ovocabio.com as soon as possible after the conclusion of the AGM.

## Voting

Following the migration of the Company's ordinary shares from the CREST system to the system operated by Euroclear Bank SA/NV on 15 March 2021, the process for appointing a proxy and/or voting in connection with the Resolutions to be proposed at the Meeting will now depend on the

manner in which you hold your ordinary shares in the Company. Further details are set out in the notes to the Notice of the Meeting on pages 4 to 9 of this document. Please read these carefully.

# **RECOMMENDATION**

Your Board believes that the resolutions to be proposed at the AGM are in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders. Accordingly, your Directors unanimously recommend you vote in favour of the resolutions as they intend to do in respect of all the ordinary shares which can be voted by them.

Yours sincerely	
Kirill Golovanov	-
Chairman	

### **Explanatory Notes to the Special Business of the AGM**

# Resolution No. 4 Authority to allot Relevant Securities

At the Annual General Meeting of the Company held in 2022, shareholders gave the Directors a general authority under Section 1021 of the Companies Act, 2014 to allot shares. That authority will expire at the conclusion of the forthcoming Annual General Meeting. Shareholders are therefore being asked to renew the Directors' authority to allot shares in the Company.

By Resolution 4, the Directors will, at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting, seek authority to issue shares up to a maximum aggregate nominal value equal to the nominal value of the authorised but unissued ordinary share capital of the Company from time to time. The authority will, if renewed, expire at the conclusion of the annual general meeting to be held in 2024. The Directors will exercise this authority only if they consider this to be in the best interests of shareholders generally at that time.

### Resolution Number 5 Authority to Dis-apply Statutory Pre-emption Rights

The power given to the Directors at the 2022 Annual General Meeting to allot shares for cash otherwise than in accordance with statutory pre-emption rights also expires at the conclusion of the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Shareholders are therefore also being asked to renew, until the Annual General Meeting to be held in 2024, the Directors' authority to allot shares for cash otherwise than in accordance with statutory pre- emption provisions in the event of a rights issue or in respect of any other issue of equity securities for cash up to a maximum aggregate nominal value equal to the nominal value of the authorised but unissued ordinary share capital of the Company from time to time. The Directors will exercise this authority only if they consider this to be in the best interests of shareholders generally at that time.

#### **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

OF

#### OVOCA BIO PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Annual General Meeting ("**AGM**") of Ovoca Bio plc (the "**Company**") will be held via live conference facility on 30 November 2023 at 4 p.m for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions of which Resolutions numbered 1 to 4 inclusive will be proposed as Ordinary Resolutions and Resolution 5 will be proposed as a Special Resolution:

### **Ordinary Business:**

- 1. To receive and consider the Company's Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 and the reports of the Directors and auditor thereon, and to review the Company's affairs.
- To re-elect Timothy McCutcheon as Director in accordance with Regulation 99 of the Articles of Association who, being eligible, offers herself for re-election in accordance with Regulation 102 of the Articles of Association.
- 3. To authorise the directors to fix the remuneration of the auditors for the year ending 31 December 2023.

### **Special Business:**

### **Ordinary Resolution**

4. The Directors be and are hereby generally and unconditionally authorised pursuant to Section 1021 of the Companies Act 2014 (the "2014 Act"), in substitution for all existing such authorities, to exercise all powers of the Company to allot relevant securities (within the meaning of Section 1021 of the 2014 Act) provided that such power shall be limited to the allotment of relevant securities up to a maximum aggregate nominal value equal to the nominal value of the authorised but unissued ordinary share capital of the Company from time to time. The authority hereby conferred shall expire on the date of the next annual general meeting of the Company held after the date of passing of this resolution, unless previously revoked, renewed or varied by the Company in General Meeting, save that the Company may before such expiry date make an offer or agreement which would or might require relevant securities to be allotted after such authority has expired and the Directors may allot relevant securities in pursuance of such offer or agreement as if the authority hereby conferred had not expired.

#### Special Resolution

5. Subject to the passing of Resolution 4 above that the Directors be and are hereby empowered pursuant to Section 1023 of the Companies Act 2014 (the "2014 Act"), in substitution for all existing such authorities, to allot equity securities (within the meaning of Section 1023 of the 2014 Act) for cash pursuant to the authority conferred by resolution number 4 above as if Section 1022(1) of the 2014 Act, did not apply to any such allotment provided that this power shall be limited to the allotment of equity securities (including, without limitation, any shares purchased by the Company pursuant to the provisions of the 2014 Act and held as treasury shares) up to a maximum aggregate nominal value equal to the nominal value of the authorised but unissued ordinary share capital of the Company from time to time.

The authority hereby conferred shall expire at the conclusion of the next annual general meeting of the Company held after the date of passing of this resolution, save that the

Company may before such expiry, make an offer or agreement which would or might require relevant securities to be allotted after such authority has expired and the Directors may allot relevant securities in pursuance of such offer or agreement notwithstanding that the power hereby conferred had not expired. The authority hereby conferred may be renewed, revoked or varied by special resolution of the Company.

By Order of the Board Reneta Nikolova Company Secretary 07 November 2023 [r.nikolova@ovocabio.com] 17 Pembroke Street Upper, Dublin 2, D02 AT22, Ireland www.ovocabio.com

#### NOTES TO NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF OVOCA BIO PLC

#### 1. INSTRUCTIONS FOR ACCESSING THE LUMI VIRTUAL MEETING PLATFORM

Shareholders will be given the opportunity to remotely access the AGM, ask questions and vote at the AGM via a virtual meeting platform provided by LUMI (the "Virtual Meeting Platform").

Shareholders can access the Virtual Meeting Platform via a mobile web client, which is compatible with the latest browser versions of Chrome, Firefox, Edge or Safari and can be accessed using any web browser, on a PC or smartphone device. Please note that Internet Explorer is not supported. It is highly recommended that you check your system capabilities in advance of the meeting day. To remotely attend and/or vote using this method, please go tohttps://web.lumiagm.com/143174732. Alternatively, please navigate to web.lumiagm.com and when prompted enter the meeting ID:143-174-732.

Once you have accessed <a href="https://web.lumiagm.com/143174732">https://web.lumiagm.com/143174732</a> from your web browser, you will then be prompted to enter your unique Shareholder reference Number ("SRN") and PIN under the shareholder tab. These can be found printed on the Form of Proxy for use at the AGM. Access to the AGM will be available from 3 p.m. on 30 November 2023, as further detailed below.

There is no requirement for Shareholders to give notice of their intention to access the AGM. However, persons appointed as a proxy or corporate representative for a Shareholder to access the AGM should contact Computershare before 9.30 a.m. on 29 November 2023 by emailing clientservices@computershare.ie for unique log-in credentials in order to access the AGM.

Persons who hold interests in the Company's shares through the Euroclear Bank system or as CREST depository interests ("CDIs") through the CREST system, wishing to access the AGM through the Virtual Meeting Platform, should consult with their stockbroker or other intermediary at the earliest opportunity for further information on the processes and timelines for submitting proxy appointments for the AGM through the respective systems.

The AGM will be broadcast in video and audio format. Once logged in, and from the commencement of the AGM, shareholders will be able to follow the proceedings of the meeting on their device.

Access to the AGM will be available from 3 p.m. on 30 November 2023, although the voting functionality will not be enabled until the Chairman of the meeting declares the poll open.

Once the Chairman has formally opened the meeting, he will explain the voting procedure. Voting will be enabled on all resolutions on the Chairman's instruction. This means that attendees may, at any time while the poll is open, vote electronically on any or all of the Resolutions. Resolutions will not be put forward separately.

Once the Resolutions have been proposed, the list of resolutions will automatically appear on your screen under the 'Voting' tab within the navigation bar. Please select the option which corresponds with how you wish to vote, "FOR". "AGAINST", or "WITHELD". Once you have selected your vote, the option will change colour and a confirmation message will appear to indicate your vote has been cast and received. There is no 'Submit' button. To change your vote, simply reselect your choice. To cancel your vote, select the cancel button. You will be able to change your selection at any time whilst the poll remains open and before the Chairman announces its closure at the end of the meeting.

Questions on the day can be submitted by text via the messaging function or verbally via the teleconference or in person at the meeting. Details of how to access the teleconference will be provided on the day of the annual general meeting once you are logged into the Virtual Meeting

#### Platform.

Questions will be moderated before being sent to the Chairman. This is to avoid repetition and ensure the smooth running of the meeting. If multiple questions on the same topic are received, the Chairman may choose to provide a single answer to address shareholder queries on the same topic.

Shareholders attending electronically may ask questions by typing and submitting their question in writing. Additionally, in order to speak and ask questions at the Meeting, remote participation will be available by telephone conference. Once you have accessed the Meeting (as described above), you will be able to click the 'Request to Speak' button within the broadcast window of the platform. Once this button has been clicked, you will be greeted by an operator and taken through to an electronic waiting area whereby you will be able to listen to the proceedings of the AGM. At the appropriate time during the AGM, attendees will be invited to ask any questions, whereupon they will enter a queue and then be asked to speak one at a time once they have been unmuted. Further instructions will be given during the AGM on the conference call. If you are unable to access your SRN and PIN, please contact Computershare on +353 1 447 5505. Lines are open from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays in Ireland). Please note that calls may be monitored or recorded.

During the AGM, you must ensure you are connected to the internet at all times in order to vote when the Chairman commences polling. Therefore, it is your responsibility to ensure connectivity for the duration of the AGM via your internet connection. The Virtual Meeting Guide contains further information on remotely accessing and participating in the Meetings via the Virtual Meeting Platform and is available on the Company's website at <a href="https://www.ovocabio.com/AGM2023">https://www.ovocabio.com/AGM2023</a>.

#### 2. PROXY VOTING

Any member entitled to attend, speak, ask questions and vote at the AGM may exercise his or her right to vote by appointing one or more proxies.

Following the migration of the Company's ordinary shares ("Ordinary Shares") from the CREST system ("CREST") to the securities settlement system operated by Euroclear Bank SA/NV ("Euroclear Bank") (the "EB System") on 15 March 2021, the process for appointing a proxy and/or voting at the meeting will depend on the manner in which you hold your Ordinary Shares and is set out in further detail below.

In the case of a corporation this instrument of proxy may be either executed under the common seal or under the hand of an officer or attorney authorised in that behalf.

In the case of joint holders, the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, will be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other registered holder(s) and, for this purpose, seniority will be determined by the order in which the names stand in the register of members.

To be valid, forms of proxy duly signed together with the power of attorney or such other authority (if any) under which they are signed (or a certified copy of such power or authority) must be lodged with the Company's registrar, Computershare Investor Services (Ireland) Limited, 3100 Lake Drive, Citywest Business Campus, Dublin 24 by not later than 4 p.m. on 28 November 2023.

## Holders of Ordinary Shares in certificated form (paper form)

You will find a Form of Proxy accompanying this document for use in connection with the AGM. For shareholders whose name appears on the register of members of the Company (being

those who hold their Ordinary Shares in certificated (i.e. paper) form) the Form of Proxy (together with any power of attorney or other authority under which it is executed, or a duly certified copy thereof) should be completed and returned as soon as possible to the Company's Registrar, Computershare Investor Services (Ireland) Limited, 3100 Lake Drive, Citywest Business Campus, Dublin 24, D24 AK82, Ireland, and in any event, in order to be valid, so as to arrive not later than 4 p.m. on 28 November 2023.

The following information for holders of CDIs and for EB Participants is based on the information available to the Company at the date of this document.

### Further Information for holders of CDIs ("CDI Holders")

In respect of CDI Holders, Euroclear UK & Ireland Limited ("EUI"), the operator of CREST, has arranged for voting instructions relating to CDIs held in CREST to be received via a third-party service provider, Broadridge Financial Solutions Limited ("Broadridge"). Further details on this service are set out on the "All you need to know about SRD II in Euroclear UK & Ireland" webpage of the Euroclear Bank website (<a href="www.euroclear.com">www.euroclear.com</a>), which is accessible to CREST participants (see the section "CREST International Service – Proxy voting"). CREST members can complete and submit proxy appointments (including voting instructions) electronically through Broadridge.

If you are a CDI Holder, you will be required to make use of the EUI proxy voting service facilitated by Broadridge Global Proxy Voting service in order to receive meeting announcements and send back voting instructions.

To facilitate client set up, if you hold CDIs and wish to participate in the proxy voting service, you will need to complete a Meetings and Voting Client Set-up Form (CRT408) a copy of which is available on the Euroclear Bank website (<a href="https://www.euroclear.com">www.euroclear.com</a>) which is accessible to CREST participants.

Completed application forms should be returned to EUI by an authorised signatory with another relevant authorised signatory copied in for verification purposes using the following email address: <a href="mailto:eui.srd2@euroclear.com">eui.srd2@euroclear.com</a>. Fully completed and returned application forms will be shared with Broadridge by EUI. This will enable Broadridge to contact you and share further detailed information on the service offering and initiate the process for granting your access to the Broadridge platform. Once CDI Holders have access to the Broadridge platform, they can complete and submit proxy appointments (including voting instructions) electronically.

Broadridge's voting deadline will be earlier than Euroclear Bank's voting instruction deadline. Broadridge will use best endeavours to accept late votes, changes and cancellations from a CDI holder after the voting deadline but there is no guarantee that these will be processed within the requisite timeframes. There is no facility to offer a letter of representation/appoint a corporate representative other than through the submission of third-party proxy appointment instructions.

CREST members with holdings of CDIs are strongly encouraged to familiarise themselves with the new arrangements with Broadridge, including the new voting deadlines and procedures and to take, as soon as possible, any further actions required by Broadridge before they can avail of this voting service.

#### **Further information for EB Participants**

Persons who hold their interests in Ordinary Shares through a participant account in the EB System ("EB Participants") can submit proxy appointments (including voting instructions) electronically in the manner described in the document issued by Euroclear Bank in February 2021 and entitled "Euroclear Bank as issuer CSD for Irish corporate securities" and available on the Euroclear Bank website (www.euroclear.com). EB Participants can either send:

- (a) electronic voting instructions to instruct Euroclear Nominees Limited (i.e. the nominee of Euroclear Bank) ("Euroclear Nominees") to either itself or by appointing the Chairman of AGM as proxy:
  - vote in favour of all or a specific resolution(s);
  - vote against all or a specific resolution(s);
  - abstain from all or a specific resolution(s); or
  - give a discretionary vote to the Chairman of AGM in respect of one or more of the resolutions being put to a shareholder vote; or
- (b) a proxy voting instruction to appoint a third party (other than Euroclear Nominees/the Chair of AGM) to attend the AGM and vote for the number of Ordinary Shares specified in the proxy voting instruction by providing Euroclear Bank with the proxy details as requested in its notification (e.g. proxy first name, proxy last name, proxy address).

There is no facility to offer a letter of representation or to appoint a corporate representative other than through submission of third-party proxy appointment instructions.

Voting instructions cannot be changed or cancelled after Euroclear Bank's voting deadline.

EB Participants are strongly encouraged to familiarise themselves with the new arrangements with Euroclear Bank, including the new voting deadlines and procedures.

### DEADLINES FOR RECEIPT BY THE COMPANY OF PROXY VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

All proxy voting instructions whether submitted directly by way of a completed Form of Proxy (in the case of holders of Ordinary Shares in certificated (i.e. paper) form), or through the EB System (in the case of EB Participants) or CREST (in the case of CDI Holders), must be received by the Company's Registrar no later than 4 p.m. on 28 November 2023, (or, in the case of any adjournment, no later than 48 hours before the time fixed for holding the adjourned AGM). Persons holding interests in Ordinary Shares through the EB System or CREST (as CDI Holders) will also need to comply with any additional voting deadlines imposed by the respective service offerings. All persons affected are recommended to consult with their stockbroker or other intermediary at the earliest opportunity.

#### REGISTER OF MEMBERS

The Company, pursuant to Section 1105 of the Companies Act 2014 (as modified by section 1087G of that Act) and Regulation 14 of the Companies Act 1990 (Uncertificated Securities) Regulations 1996 specifies that only those shareholders registered in the register of members of the Company as at close of business on 24 November 2023 shall be entitled to attend and vote at the meeting in respect of the number of Ordinary Shares registered in their names at the time. Changes to entries in the register after that time will be disregarded in determining the right of any person to attend and/or vote at the meeting.

#### **POLL**

All resolutions at the AGM will be put to a poll. Pursuant to Section 190(b) of the Companies Act 2014, where a poll is taken at the AGM, a Shareholder, present in person or by proxy, holding more than one share need not cast all his/her votes in the same way.

#### **DOCUMENTATION**

Copies of all documentation tabled before the AGM are available on the Company's website <a href="https://www.ovocabio.com">www.ovocabio.com</a>. Should you not receive a Form of Proxy, or should you wish to be sent copies of these documents, you may request this by telephoning the Company's registrar or by writing to the Company Secretary at the address set out above.