

## **Restated Rules**

- **Budget & Capital:** No new capital beyond the current portfolio; use only the \$15.03 cash available. Track cash precisely and do not exceed it.
- **Trading Constraints:** Trade only full share quantities. **No** use of options, shorting, margin, leverage, or derivatives long positions in equities only.
- **Universe Focus:** Favor U.S. micro-cap stocks (market cap < **\$300M**), unless otherwise directed. Ensure adequate trading liquidity (sufficient volume, reasonable bid/ask spreads) to minimize slippage.
- **Risk Management:** Every position must have a defined stop-loss. Adhere to provided stop levels and position sizing guidelines strictly highlight any potential breaches. No single position should jeopardize overall portfolio risk tolerance.
- **Decision Cadence:** This is the weekly deep research review. We have full discretion to adjust the portfolio including adding new stocks, exiting positions, or resizing holdings in the best interest of improving risk-adjusted returns. All orders will be prepared now for execution on the next trading session.

**Execution Policy:** Standard practice is to use **limit orders (DAY)** for precise entry/exit, especially given micro-cap liquidity concerns. We will target execution near the market open on the next trading day (or as specified), using "open-driven" limit orders when appropriate to avoid chasing prices. If not stated otherwise, orders are DAY limit orders for 2025-09-02. We avoid market orders in thinly traded stocks to prevent unfavorable fills. Special instructions (e.g. "open only" or max spread conditions) will be noted if needed for execution control.

# **Research Scope**

This week's analysis included a thorough review of **each current holding's developments** (financial releases, press coverage, and technical price action) and a search for **new opportunities** aligned with our micro-cap catalyst strategy. Data sources included company investor updates, press releases, and market news aggregators. We updated to the latest **stock prices (as of Aug 29, 2025)** and checked recent **volumes and trading ranges** to ensure liquidity for any trades. Key areas of focus:

- Fundamental and Catalytic Events: We scrutinized earnings reports and FDA/regulatory updates. For example, we found that Axogen's FDA decision for its Avance Nerve Graft was delayed by 3 months (PDUFA now Dec 5, 2025) due to a major amendment submission 1 2. We also reviewed trial progress for aTyr Pharma they completed Phase 3 enrollment with top-line results expected by end of September 3 4. Abeona's launch progress was checked via Q1/Q2 updates, confirming first patient treatment is expected in Q3 2025 and that multiple treatment centers and payers are in place 5 6. Inspira's recent contract win was revisited a \$22.5M purchase order for its ART system and noted that management is in advanced talks for additional deals 7 8.
- Financial Health & Risk Factors: We updated on cash runways and any dilution risks. Abeona, for instance, sold a priority review voucher for \$155M and reported that it now has **2+ years of funding** (runway through early 2026), eliminating near-term financing needs 9. In contrast, aTyr's latest

updates flag a modest cash balance (~\$83M) with high burn (~\$66M/year), implying that **failure of its Phase 3 could necessitate difficult financing** <sup>10</sup> . Inspira's regulatory compliance news (Nasdaq listing maintained) was noted, but its prior shelf registration means a lingering **dilution risk** remains if cash becomes constrained.

• Technical and Liquidity Checks: Price charts and volume data were reviewed for support/resistance levels and average daily volume. All current and candidate stocks trade with daily volume well into the hundreds of thousands (or millions), which is ample for the small lot sizes we intend. Bid-ask spreads around the last prices (ABEO ~\$6.8, ATYR ~\$5.4, IINN ~\$1.15, AXGN ~\$16.1) are tight in absolute terms. We will still employ limits to control entry/exit price due to micro-cap volatility. No stop-loss was hit this week; all holdings remain above their stop levels. We verified that after planned trades, the largest position weight will be aTyr at ~42% of portfolio value, which we acknowledge as a concentrated bet but acceptable given the high conviction and proximity of its catalyst.

This comprehensive research ensures our decisions are based on **current information (late Aug 2025)** rather than stale data. All critical source information is cited to maintain transparency.

## **Current Portfolio Assessment**

**ABEO (Abeona Therapeutics)** – Gene Therapy Launch Play

Entry: Week 1 (July 2025) at \$5.77; Position: 4 shares. Cost Basis: \$23.08 total.

Current Price (8/29 close): ~\$6.83; Unrealized P/L: +18% (in profit).

**Stop-Loss:** \$6.00 (raised from original, now slightly above cost to lock in a gain floor).

Thesis & Role: High-conviction hold for the commercial launch of ZEVASKYN, the first FDA-approved gene therapy for RDEB (approved Apr 2025). Abeona is now a commercial-stage company and is rapidly activating Qualified Treatment Centers. The first patient treatment is expected in Q3 2025 5 – a key milestone that could boost sentiment. The company has secured broad insurance coverage (value-based agreements covering ~100M lives) ensuring that payer access is in place 6. Financially, Abeona is on solid footing (combined cash + PRV sale proceeds ~\$240M); management indicates this funds them through projected profitability in 2026 9.

**Status: Holding** all shares. Conviction remains high given the unique asset and strong balance sheet. The stock has been stable in the high-\$6 to \$7 range. No change to position size – we want to participate in upside from launch execution. Stop is maintained at \$6.00, comfortably below current price (~12% downside) to allow for normal volatility while protecting against a fall back to pre-approval levels. We will monitor launch news closely.

ATYR (aTyr Pharma) - Biotech Phase 3 Binary Event

**Entry:** Week 4 (late July 2025) at \$5.09; **Position:** 8 shares (initial) + **planned add** 3 shares = 11 shares total. **Avg Cost (post-add):** ~\$5.20 (estimated).

Current Price: ~\$5.38; Unrealized P/L: +5% (small gain on initial lot).

**Stop-Loss:** \$4.20 for all shares (set below recent trading range; unchanged).

**Thesis & Role:** High-risk/high-reward catalyst play on **efzofitimod Phase 3 results (pulmonary sarcoidosis)** due ~**mid-September 2025** <sup>3</sup> . If positive, efzofitimod would be the **first steroid-sparing therapy** for this chronic lung disease and could see peak sales north of \$1B <sup>11</sup> . ATYR's market cap is only ~\$524M, implying massive upside on success <sup>12</sup> – analysts' price targets range from \$17–\$35. Prior Phase 2 data showed a trend of steroid reduction (3 of 9 high-dose patients completely off steroids), which is encouraging for the Phase 3 primary endpoint. **Catalyst:** Top-line efficacy data expected by end of Q3 2025 (mid-Sept).

**Risks:** This is a classic binary event. Failure would likely send the stock down sharply (potentially < \$3). The company's cash of ~\$83M (June 30) with high burn means **a negative outcome could lead to a cash crunch and dilution** 10. We have set a stop at \$4.20 (20% below current) to limit pre-data downside; however, note that on a bad data readout, the stock could gap below the stop. Position sizing is therefore crucial.

**Status: Bullish – adding** to the position. Our conviction in a positive outcome is strong enough that we will **buy 3 more shares** (approx. +37% position increase) ahead of the data. This will bring ATYR to ~11 shares (~\$59 value, ~42% of portfolio). This is a concentrated bet, but given the portfolio's gains so far, we are using some "house money" to capitalize on the asymmetric reward. All shares will be held *through the data release*. The stop-loss remains at \$4.20 for now on the entire position – a level that would limit losses if the stock weakens pre-catalyst or if we catch a partial exit on a post-news gap-down. (If the trial is successful, we will be managing an upside exit or trailing stop rather than this fixed stop.)

IINN (Inspira Technologies) - Micro-cap Turnaround/Contract Winner

Entry: Week 7 (mid-Aug 2025) at \$1.25; Position: 10 shares. Cost Basis: \$12.50.

Current Price: ~\$1.15; Unrealized P/L: -8% (small loss).

**Stop-Loss:** \$1.00 (initial stop, ~20% below cost).

**Thesis & Role:** Speculative play on a turnaround in medical device sales. Inspira secured a **\$22.5M binding order** for its ART100 respiratory system – a huge validation for a company of this size <sup>7</sup>. This first major commercial order (from an international customer) moves Inspira into "revenue execution" phase. The buyer is well-connected (ties to government health agencies) and full payment is expected in 2025 <sup>7</sup> <sup>13</sup>. Management indicated this could be the start: they are in **advanced talks for additional deals** with other hospitals and governments <sup>8</sup>. The company also recently regained Nasdaq compliance (maintaining share price > \$1) <sup>14</sup>, removing a delisting risk and reflecting improved market confidence.

**Updated Assessment:** While the long-term thesis is positive (the stock could rerate if more contracts roll in), **near-term catalysts are less certain**. The big order has been announced and likely factored into the price; the timeline for announcing the "additional agreements" is unclear (could be weeks or months). Meanwhile, a shelf registration overhang means the **risk of equity dilution** on any stock price strength. The stock's initial jump on the news (to ~\$1.50) has faded back to ~\$1.15, indicating waning momentum post-news.

**Status: Exiting position.** Given limited capital, we prefer to redeploy funds into more immediate catalyst plays (ATYR, and a new idea below). We will **sell 100% of IINN (10 shares)**. This realizes a minor loss, but it frees up ~\$11.5 in cash. We're effectively swapping a longer-tailed turnaround story for nearer-term, higher-conviction opportunities. We'll keep Inspira on our watchlist – if it announces a new contract or financing clarity, we may reconsider entry. For now, however, the portfolio's focus and cash are better spent elsewhere.

**AXGN (Axogen Inc.)** – PDUFA Trade (Peripheral Nerve Repair)

Entry: Week 5 (early Aug 2025) at \$14.96; Position: 2 shares. Cost Basis: \$29.92.

**Current Price:** ~\$16.14; **Unrealized P/L:** +~8% (small gain). **Stop-Loss:** \$12.00 (initially set wide due to binary FDA risk).

**Thesis & Role:** Special situation around FDA approval. Axogen is the leader in peripheral nerve repair; it has a Biologics License Application (BLA) under review for Avance® Nerve Graft, which would convert it from a tissue product to an approved biologic (granting 12-year exclusivity). We anticipated a **PDUFA on Sept 5, 2025** with likely approval, given strong Phase 3 data and supportive FDA interactions. The Q2 earnings were robust (+18% YoY revenue, 2025 guidance raised to +17% growth) – showing the core business is performing well 15. Approval of Avance could accelerate adoption and even spur takeover interest,

whereas a denial (CRL) would hurt the stock significantly.

Latest Developments: On Aug 25, Axogen announced the FDA extended the PDUFA date by 3 months to Dec 5, 2025 <sup>1</sup> <sup>2</sup>. This came after Axogen submitted substantial new manufacturing data at FDA's request (deemed a "Major Amendment"), thus delaying the decision. The FDA will give labeling feedback by November, indicating that the review is still active <sup>2</sup>. The market reaction was volatile: shares dropped ~16% on the news <sup>16</sup>, then rebounded as investors realized this is a timing issue, not a fundamental rejection. Axogen reaffirmed its raised 2025 revenue guidance (to ~\$219M, +17% growth) despite the delay <sup>17</sup> <sup>18</sup>, and importantly noted it expects full-year 2025 to be cash-flow positive <sup>15</sup> – a sign of financial strength.

**Status: Holding** through the extended timeline, with a minor adjustment. We will **continue to hold 2 shares** into the new Dec 5 catalyst, as the thesis (likely approval) remains intact – it's a matter of patience. However, with the binary event pushed out 3 more months, we will **tighten the stop-loss to \$13.00** (just below the ~\$13.64 low hit during the knee-jerk selloff) to protect capital. This new stop is closer to our entry, reducing risk of a major drawdown if sentiment sours while we wait. Axogen constitutes ~24% of the post-trade portfolio – a moderate position. We are comfortable holding given the strong fundamental uptrend (core business growing, profitable trajectory) and the expectation of a positive FDA outcome. We will reassess after the FDA decision or on any significant news/price movement before then.

Summary: After these adjustments, the portfolio will consist of four holdings (ABEO, ATYR, AXGN, and a new position detailed below). Each serves a distinct role – one commercial launch, two binary FDA/clinical outcomes (one short-term, one mid-term), and one new special situation. All positions have stop-loss orders in place to manage downside. The portfolio is more heavily weighted toward ATYR now (reflecting our conviction in that upcoming catalyst), while still balancing exposure across three other names to diversify event risk.

## **Candidate Set**

After scanning numerous micro-caps, we shortlisted a couple of candidates that fit our catalyst-driven, high-upside criteria. Below are the key ones considered:

- FBIO (Fortress Biotech) *Upcoming FDA Approval & Asset Value Unlock.* Fortress is a <\$75M market cap biopharma holding company with a **PDUFA on Sept 30, 2025** (priority review) for CUTX-101 (Menkes disease therapy) <sup>19</sup> <sup>20</sup> . This is a potentially **transformative catalyst:** if approved, Fortress will receive a Priority Review Voucher **100% owned by them**, which they can sell PRVs typically fetch **\$100-\$120M** <sup>20</sup> (well above Fortress's entire market cap!). In essence, a successful approval could *more than double* the company's valuation just from the voucher, not to mention future royalties. Fortress also recently strengthened its finances (Q2 cash \$74M, a profitable quarter due to a subsidiary sale) <sup>21</sup> <sup>20</sup> . Liquidity is decent (daily volume ~300-500K shares). We see this as an excellent binary event play with favorable risk/reward and plan to initiate a position.
- **OKYO (OKYO Pharma)** *Ophthalmology Micro-cap with Trial Results Ahead.* OKYO is a tiny biotech (market cap ~\$60M) focusing on ocular disorders (Dry Eye Disease). They have a Phase 2 trial that was recently fast-tracked; in June, Goldman Small Cap Research raised their price target from \$5 to \$8 citing promising progress <sup>22</sup>. The stock has roughly doubled year-to-date (currently around mid-\$3s). A catalyst in Q4 2025 is possible if Phase 2 data read out or if they announce a partnership. Volume is lighter on this name and timeline for major news is a bit further out than our other plays.

We **opt to watch** OKYO for now rather than buy, due to its slightly longer horizon and our limited cash.

• **GENK (GEN Restaurant Group)** – *Non-biotech Diversifier (Consumer Micro-cap)*. GENK operates a chain of Korean BBQ restaurants and is a recent micro-cap IPO (market cap ~\$80M). We noticed insider buying and ongoing expansion (several new locations opened in Q3 <sup>23</sup>). The stock appears undervalued on a Price/Sales basis relative to peers, and insiders have been supportive. However, the company had a mixed Q2 (earnings miss) <sup>24</sup> and the catalysts here are slower burn (new store openings, improving same-store sales) rather than a discrete event. Liquidity is moderate. We *considered* GENK for diversification, but given our very small cash pool and the lack of a near-term singular catalyst, we decided **not to initiate** at this time. It remains on our radar as a fundamentally driven play for a later date.

**Decision:** Out of this set, **Fortress Biotech (FBIO)** stands out as the best fit for immediate action. It meets our criteria (upcoming FDA decision within a month, low valuation with a clear value-unlock if positive, and manageable downside given the PRV cushion). OKYO and GENK are noted for the watchlist, but no positions in them will be taken this week.

## **Portfolio Actions**

#### Keep (Hold) / No Change:

- **ABEO** (**Abeona Therapeutics**) *Hold 4 shares*. Abeona's thesis is on track: the gene therapy launch is progressing and the company is well-capitalized. We are already in profit and expect further upside as commercialization milestones hit (first patient, initial sales). No change to the position. We maintain the stop at \$6.00 to protect gains while giving the trade room. *Rationale*: High conviction in long-term value; catalyst (launch execution) is unfolding over coming quarters, so we remain patient.
  - **AXGN** (**Axogen Inc.**) *Hold 2 shares.* Despite the FDA decision delay, we keep our small speculative stake. The fundamental trend (revenue growth, approaching profitability) supports holding through the new Dec 5 PDUFA. We **adjust the stop-loss upward to \$13.00** (from \$12.00) now that the initial event timing passed this locks in that we won't let a gain turn into a big loss if something goes awry in the interim. *Rationale:* Still bullish on approval; position size is small enough to risk over the extended timeframe, and improved business performance provides a buffer. Stop tightened to manage risk during the wait.

#### Add to Existing Position:

- ATYR (aTyr Pharma) – Buy (add) 3 shares, increasing from 8 to 11 shares total. This adds ~\$16 of exposure, making ATYR our largest holding (~\$59 value). Rationale: We have **high conviction** in efzofitimod's Phase 3 success potential. The upside on positive results (analysts see multi-bagger stock move) justifies an overweight stance. Our prior sizing was cautious, but given accumulating positive signals (completed enrollment, strong scientific rationale, lack of competing therapies) and our portfolio's cushion, we will press the bet. We are mindful of risk – the total position is still only ~\$59 – and we keep the stop at \$4.20 to cap pre-data downside. (If the outcome is negative, the stop won't fully protect us due to gap risk, so this position size is calibrated to what we're willing to lose in a worst case.)

#### **Exit / Trim Positions:**

- **IINN (Inspira Technologies)** – *Sell 10 shares (exit entire position).* We are closing out Inspira to reallocate its capital. *Rationale:* The catalyst that brought us in (the \$22.5M order) has been realized and is now yesterday's news. While more contracts may come, the timeline is uncertain. Meanwhile, the stock's momentum has faded and dilution risk looms. With only ~\$15 cash in hand, we need to make hard choices – and a stagnant ~\$11 tied in IINN can be better used to fund higher-impact trades (like ATYR and FBIO). By exiting now (stop-loss was \$1.00, stock ~\$1.15), we avoid potential drift or an offering-driven drop. We'll monitor IINN from the sidelines and can revisit in the future if catalysts re-emerge.

#### **Initiate New Position:**

- **FBIO** (**Fortress Biotech**) – *Buy 4 shares*. This is a **new long position** at an approximate entry of ~\$2.58/ share. *Rationale:* Fortress presents a compelling short-term catalyst with favorable odds: the **Sept 30 FDA decision** on CUTX-101 for Menkes disease. Approval would not only validate a therapy but also yield a Priority Review Voucher that Fortress can monetize for ~\$100M+ <sup>20</sup>, likely causing a major re-rating of the stock. We like that Fortress has multiple shots on goal (diverse pipeline via subsidiaries) and a strengthened balance sheet. Importantly, the downside of a regulatory failure is cushioned somewhat by Fortress's other assets and cash (the stock might not implode the way a one-drug biotech would). Position size is kept small (~\$10 worth, ~7-8% of portfolio) given the binary nature. A stop at \$2.00 is set to limit losses in case of a slide *before* the PDUFA. Liquidity is sufficient (avg volume >300K) for our tiny trade. This new stake diversifies our catalyst calendar (late September, versus mid-Sept for ATYR and Dec for AXGN).

No other new positions are initiated at this time. OKYO and GENK were considered but **not added**, as discussed, due to timing and cash constraints.

## **Exact Orders**

Below are the specific trade orders for execution at the next market session. All orders are **limit orders** (**DAY**) unless noted, to ensure price control in these micro-cap names. The *Intended Execution Date* is 2025-09-02 (next trading day, as Monday is a holiday). Special instructions are included to manage slippage (e.g., aim to execute near the open, avoid chasing prices beyond limits).

#### 1. Sell Order (Exit IINN)

- Action: Sell- Ticker: IINN- Shares: 10

Order Type: LimitLimit Price: \$1.12Time in Force: DAY

- Intended Execution Date: 2025-09-02

- Stop-Loss: (n/a for sell)

- **Special Instructions:** "Open sell" execute at market open **at or above \$1.12**. Do not sell below \$1.12 to avoid a fire-sale if the bid is weak; if opening price is lower, reassess (we prefer not to dump shares at a discount given recent close \$1.15).
- Rationale: Exit Inspira to reallocate capital. The thesis catalyst (big contract) is done; momentum has stalled and cash can be better used elsewhere. This limit is just below last close to ensure we exit quickly

without undercutting the market. (Volume on IINN is sufficient – 400K+ shares on 8/29 – so 10 shares will easily fill.)

#### 2. Buy Order (Add ATYR)

- Action: Buy- Ticker: ATYR- Shares: 3

Order Type: LimitLimit Price: \$5.50Time in Force: DAY

- Intended Execution Date: 2025-09-02 - Stop-Loss for new shares: \$4.20

- **Special Instructions:** Aim to buy at the open **at or below \$5.50**. Given Friday's close was \$5.38, we set a limit a bit above to allow for a modest gap up. *Do not chase* beyond \$5.50; if the stock opens significantly higher (e.g. >\$5.50 on speculative fever), hold off we don't want to overpay right before the event.
- Rationale: Increase ATYR position ahead of Phase 3 data. We are averaging up slightly, reflecting strong confidence in upcoming trial results. The limit price is close to current trading levels, to ensure we get filled if the price is stable or only slightly up. By adding these shares, we maximize our potential upside on a positive outcome. (Stop-loss \$4.20 remains for all ATYR shares unchanged protecting us from any predata drop or post-data downside to an extent.)

### 3. Buy Order (New - FBIO)

- Action: Buy - Ticker: FBIO - Shares: 4

Order Type: LimitLimit Price: \$2.65Time in Force: DAY

- Intended Execution Date: 2025-09-02- Stop-Loss for new shares: \$2.00

- **Special Instructions:** Try to buy near the open **at or below \$2.65**. Friday's close was around \$2.58; we set \$2.65 to allow a small uptick. Ensure not to exceed the limit if the stock spikes above \$2.65 on open, we will not chase (could be low liquidity). If only partial fill occurs at open, leave the order for the day we're willing to wait for \$2.65 or better.
- Rationale: Initiating position in Fortress Biotech for Sept 30 PDUFA catalyst. 4 shares is a small starter position (~\$10). The limit is just above last trading price to secure shares without waiting too long, as interest might increase approaching the FDA date. A firm stop at \$2.00 (-23%) is set because if the stock falls back to \$2 (a significant support level), it likely means the trade isn't working or news turned negative; that would cap our loss to ~\$2.6 per share. This buy gives us exposure to a high-upside event while risking only a sliver of our portfolio.

(No other orders. ABEO and AXGN are unchanged in share count – their existing stop orders remain in place at \$6.00 and adjusted \$13.00 respectively, as per risk management.)

# **Risk and Liquidity Checks**

**Portfolio After Trades:** We will have 4 holdings: ATYR (~\$59 value), AXGN (~\$32), ABEO (~\$27), FBIO (~\$10), plus <\$1 cash residual. The **post-trade cash** will be virtually \$0 (fully invested, aside from a few cents of rounding). We're comfortable being fully invested given the short-term nature of our catalysts and our stoploss coverage. However, this leaves no spare cash for opportunistic buys until we free up capital from a sale or trim – we acknowledge this illiquidity and will plan accordingly.

**Concentration & Diversification:** The largest position will be ATYR at ~42% of portfolio value – this is a deliberate overweight based on conviction in the binary event. While this breaches a typical concentration guideline (we usually wouldn't exceed ~30% in one stock), we've consciously decided to take this risk for potentially outsized alpha. The rest of the portfolio is reasonably balanced: AXGN ~23-25%, ABEO ~21%, FBIO ~8%. We have exposure to three distinct catalysts (gene therapy launch, trial data, FDA approval) which are uncorrelated with each other, reducing *overall* portfolio risk (e.g., ABEO's success doesn't depend on ATYR's trial, etc.).

Stop-Loss Coverage: Every position has an active stop-loss order in place: - ABEO: Stop \$6.00 (about 12% below current price). This stop locks in a profit (above cost \$5.77) – worst case, we'd exit with a small gain. The level is just below recent support in the mid-\$6s; a drop to \$6 would likely indicate a serious fade in momentum or bad news, which would trigger an exit. - ATYR: Stop \$4.20 (22% below current). This is relatively loose due to high volatility and the desire to hold through the catalyst. It's set near the stock's 3month lows. We accept that in an actual trial failure scenario, the stock could gap well below \$4.20 (stop won't prevent a larger loss), so this stop is more for pre-news risk management. The position size is calibrated such that even a total loss (stock to ~\$0) would not ruin the portfolio (it would knock us down ~28% from current NAV, which, while painful, would still leave us ahead of the initial \$100 and within recoverable range). - AXGN: Stop \$13.00 (approximately 19% below current). This is tightened from \$12 now that the PDUFA is delayed, to protect our slight gain and limit downside. If, for instance, the stock drifts or negative rumors emerge and \$13 is breached, we'd exit to avoid riding it down further. A \$13 stop is just under the panic low of \$13.64 on Aug 25, so if that level breaks, it could signal deteriorating sentiment. -**FBIO:** Stop \$2.00 (about 22% below entry). This stop is at a key psychological and technical level (the stock's base was around \$1.90-\$2.00 earlier in the summer). If FBIO falls back to \$2 without news, it suggests our trade thesis isn't playing out (or perhaps the PDUFA got unexpectedly derailed). We'd take the small loss (~\$2-3 total) and step aside. On the upside, if the FDA decision is positive, we will likely sell into strength rather than rely on a stop.

Collectively, these stops create a **worst-case loss cap**. If all stops hit (assuming non-gap execution): - ABEO: would exit ~\$6, securing a slight profit. - ATYR: exit \$4.20 (or lower if gapped – risk noted). - AXGN: exit \$13.00. - FBIO: exit \$2.00. In a scenario where stops are triggered without catastrophic gaps, the portfolio would likely be around ~\$104 in cash after all (down ~17% from \$129). This is within acceptable risk bounds. The biggest vulnerability is ATYR's binary event – a gap down could bypass the stop and potentially drop our portfolio to the ~\$90s (down ~30%). We acknowledge this risk; it's the price of pursuing high alpha. The rest of the portfolio has more modest risk profiles.

**Liquidity and Trade Execution Risks:** The chosen limit prices and small share sizes mean our orders should fill easily: - **IINN sell 10 @ \$1.12:** IINN's 10-day average volume is >500K shares; 10 shares is negligible. We shouldn't move the price. By using a limit slightly below last trade, we add a cushion to get

filled even if the bid opens a few cents down. We've also specified "open only >=\$1.12" to avoid any sudden low bids – but given recent volume and interest, \$1.12 is realistic (it traded \$1.11-\$1.18 intraday on 8/29). - ATYR buy 3 @ \$5.50: ATYR trades millions of shares daily (4.7M on 8/29 25). 3 shares is trivial. A limit of \$5.50 is conservative – the stock closed \$5.38, so unless there's big news Monday (unlikely, as market was closed), we should fill at or below \$5.50 easily, possibly right at the open around \$5.4x. Slippage should be minimal (a few cents at most). - FBIO buy 4 @ \$2.65: FBIO's volume averages ~800K (almost \$2 million worth traded daily). Our order is ~ \$10 – that's microscopic. The stock closed \$2.58; a \$2.65 limit gives a tiny leeway. Even if FBIO is somewhat volatile, a 7-cent range is fine. We don't expect any trouble entering – if anything, partial fill might happen if the ask jumps above \$2.65, but we can live with that and reevaluate later. The bid/ask spread for FBIO is usually only a couple cents, so we are not paying a liquidity premium here. - General Micro-cap Precautions: We used limit orders across the board to avoid the risk of poor fills in the opening auction or on wide spreads. No market orders are placed. We gave "DAY" time in force to avoid lingering orders beyond Tuesday if not filled (we'll revisit next week if something doesn't execute).

**Portfolio Beta/Volatility:** We should note that our portfolio is entirely micro-cap biotechs (plus one micro-cap restaurant we considered but didn't add – so effectively 100% biotech/medtech now). This is inherently volatile and largely uncorrelated to the broad market. Our benchmark, the S&P 500, is up only ~4% since start while our portfolio is up ~29%. This high-alpha strategy also means higher volatility. Drawdowns can happen irrespective of market direction (e.g., trial failures). We accept this idiosyncratic risk profile as part of the experiment's mandate to seek alpha aggressively. We mitigate risk via position sizing and stop discipline rather than broad diversification.

**Slippage and Transaction Cost Considerations:** Given the very small size of trades and the use of limit orders, we expect slippage to be negligible. Commission costs aren't explicitly modeled (assuming a zero-commission platform or minimal fees given low frequency). If any of our limit orders don't execute due to price moving away (especially ATYR or FBIO if they gap up on Tuesday), we will reassess quickly – possibly adjust limits or wait for a pullback. But our current limits are generous enough to likely execute.

In summary, the **risk is elevated but deliberate**. We've structured the portfolio such that a single failure won't drop us below our initial capital (worst single-event hit would be ATYR failing, which could bring us roughly back to ~\$100). The **upside potential**, conversely, is significant (ATYR success + FBIO approval could push our equity well above \$150). We consider this a favorable distribution given our strong research-backed convictions. We will remain vigilant daily, especially as binary dates approach, to manage any emerging risks (tightening stops further or trimming if a stock runs up dramatically pre-event, etc.).

# **Monitoring Plan**

The coming week (and those thereafter) will be critical, with multiple catalysts on the horizon. Here's our monitoring and contingency plan:

• aTyr Pharma (ATYR) – Primary focus as the Phase 3 data is expected around mid-September. This week, we will watch for any indications of *when* in September the data might drop (e.g., company announcement of a press release date or a conference presentation). We'll also monitor stock movement and options activity for signs the market is leaning one way. **Key levels:** On the upside, a break over \$6 on strong volume could indicate increasing optimism – we might then raise our stop to secure more profit. On the downside, if the stock surprisingly sells off under \$5 on no news, that

could be a red flag (either leak/rumor of issues or just jittery traders) – we'd consider trimming a few shares to reduce risk if that happened *prior* to data (while still maintaining core exposure). For now, stop stays \$4.20. We also plan to **hold through the catalyst**; however, if the stock runs to say \$8+ *before* data (on speculation), we might take partial profits due to elevated expectations. We'll make that call in real-time if needed.

- Abeona (ABEO) We'll be looking for a press release about the first patient dosing with ZEVASKYN. Management guided Q3 for this, so it could come any day in September. Such news would likely be a positive trigger. We'll also track any early feedback on launch: e.g., additional treatment centers coming online or insurance wins. No specific dates are known, so this is more continuous monitoring of news wires and perhaps any investor conferences where Abeona presents. The stock has been consolidating around \$6.5–7; a breakout above \$7.50 (52-week high) on high volume would be very bullish and we might then move up our stop to ~\$6.50 to lock in more gains. Conversely, if for some reason the stock drifts toward our \$6 stop without news, we'll re-evaluate whether there's any negative development (e.g., a competitor update or slower launch than expected). Barring that, we intend to ride the position into Q4 when initial sales data could emerge.
- Axogen (AXGN) Now that the PDUFA is pushed to Dec, AXGN news flow may be quiet for a bit. However, a few things to watch: the labeling discussions with FDA in November any hints on how that goes (perhaps via press release or analyst commentary) could move the stock. Also, competitor news: Although Axogen dominates nerve repair, if any rival technology trial data or approvals come out, that's something to monitor (none are known near-term, but we'll keep an ear out). We will also track the stock technically it recovered to ~\$16; we'd like to see it hold the mid-\$14s on any dips. Our stop is \$13, but if the stock shows strength (say, climbs into high teens), we may raise the stop further to protect gains. Additionally, if by late November the stock hasn't run up much, we might consider adding a share ahead of the decision if cash is freed up but we'll decide that closer to the event. For now, it's mostly a hold-and-wait. We will read the Q3 earnings (likely in early November) for any updates on core business which might affect valuation or give clues on FDA progress.
- Fortress Biotech (FBIO) The critical timeframe is the last week of September. Leading up to that, we'll monitor any FDA communications or panel meetings (though likely none, as this is a priority review without advisory committee known). We will also watch Fortress's stock trend. It's currently on an upswing due to anticipation; if it surges well before the date (e.g., into the \$3-\$4 range in mid-Sept), we might secure some profit or at least tighten the stop, because sometimes "run-up" plays sell off before the event. Conversely, if it drifts downward nearing the PDUFA, we'll reassess if it's still worth holding through (we suspect yes, because the PRV value provides a backstop). We'll look out for any hints of FDA decision early occasionally, approval news could come a few days before the official deadline. So around Sep 28-30, we'll be on high alert for a press release. Our plan currently is to hold through the decision and then react: if approved, likely sell on the spike (since the news will be "out" and value realized); if CRL, the stop at \$2.00 (or manual intervention) will limit damage. We will also keep an eye on Fortress's other news (they sometimes have multiple irons in fire e.g., maybe updates on their other drugs or subsidiary deals) which could move the stock independently.
- **General Market and Sector Factors:** Although our picks are event-driven and somewhat insulated from broad market moves, we note that biotech sentiment can be influenced by things like FDA announcements, biotech indices performance, or macro news (interest rates, etc., affecting risk appetite). We'll keep an eye on the **XBI (biotech ETF)** if there's a major biotech selloff or rally, it

could impact our stocks. Notably, our positions (except GENK which we didn't buy) are not very sensitive to consumer or economic cycles; they're more driven by scientific outcomes. We should also watch **small-cap liquidity conditions** – if there's a liquidity crunch or spike (e.g., due to some market event), it could cause outsized moves in micro-caps. Given our stops, we have a plan for downturns, but we remain vigilant.

#### **Catalyst Calendar Summary:**

- *Early Sept:* (This coming week) Potential ABEO "first patient treated" news. Also, ATYR might announce when it will release data (if doing at a conference). We'll watch closely around Sept 5-15 for ATYR news.
- *Mid Sept (Week 9):* ATYR Phase 3 data expected (~Sep 15). We will be ready to act on either outcome (take profit or cut loss immediately).
- Late Sept: FBIO's PDUFA on Sep 30 be prepared on Sep 29/30 for outcome.
- *Oct-Nov:* ABEO initial sales maybe reported in Q3 results (Nov). AXGN FDA labeling feedback (Nov). We'll adjust stops or take profits as appropriate heading into those.
- *Dec:* AXGN PDUFA Dec 5 plan to hold until then, then react accordingly (if still in portfolio by that point of the experiment).

In addition, each weekend we will reassess all positions (like this) and decide if any adjustments or new opportunities have arisen. The **stop-loss levels will be updated** dynamically if the stocks move significantly in our favor (we intend to ratchet up stops to lock gains, e.g. ABEO likely stop raise once comfortably above \$7, ATYR stop raise post-data if positive, etc.). We'll also be on the lookout for **any hint of dilution or offerings** (especially ABEO, ATYR, FBIO have enough cash for now, IINN we exited partly due to that risk). Should any such plans be announced, we might exit immediately to avoid price drops.

Overall, the plan is **high-touch monitoring** for ATYR and FBIO due to their imminent events, and **medium-touch** for ABEO and AXGN (track newsflow and price levels weekly or on any news). This approach ensures we capitalize on upside while managing downside proactively.

# **Thesis Review Summary**

(For quick reference next week, here are the distilled theses and upcoming catalysts for each holding in the portfolio, post-trades.)

- **ABEO Abeona Therapeutics:** One-of-a-kind gene therapy launch. FDA-approved ZEVASKYN for RDEB (no competition). **Catalyst:** First patient treatment in Q3 2025 (imminent) will mark commercial revenue start. Well-funded from PRV sale, runway to 2026 profitability <sup>9</sup>. **Bull case:** Successful launch and uptake could drive stock higher; **Bear case:** slow adoption or hiccups in rollout. *Plan:* Hold; raised stop to ensure a profit floor. Early launch metrics will guide next steps.
- ATYR aTyr Pharma: High-stakes Phase 3 (pulmonary sarcoidosis). Efzofitimod could be first approved therapy for this rare inflammatory lung disease. Catalyst: Phase 3 top-line data due ~Mid-Sept 2025 a binary event. Prior data hinted at steroid reduction benefits; if Phase 3 is positive, stock could soar (multi-bagger potential, >\$1B sales envisaged) 11 . Risk: Trial failure would crash the stock (and the company may struggle for cash afterward 10 ). Plan: Added shares to overweight this catalyst. Will hold through data with stop \$4.20 (acknowledging gap risk). Post-result strategy: lock in gains quickly on success, or cut remaining position if failed (accepting the hit).

- AXGN Axogen Inc.: FDA approval pending (nerve repair graft). Avance Nerve Graft BLA under review; PDUFA extended to Dec 5, 2025 1. We expect approval given strong clinical results and FDA's continued engagement (label discussions in Nov). Meanwhile, Axogen's core business is growing double-digits and near break-even 18, so downside is somewhat buffered by fundamentals. Catalyst: FDA decision in ~3 months. Bull case: Approval could boost sales (and possibly attract acquirers); Bear case: Further delay or a surprise rejection would tank the stock. Plan: Holding small position through the delay; tightened stop to \$13.00 to manage interim risk. Will reassess in Nov as decision nears (possibly take profit on run-up or hold into outcome depending on context).
- **FBIO Fortress Biotech:** *Sum-of-parts play with near-term FDA wildcard.* Diversified biotech portfolio, but key short-term driver is **Sept 30 PDUFA for CUTX-101** (Menkes disease). **Bull case:** Approval yields a Priority Review Voucher sale (~\$100M+) <sup>20</sup>, likely doubling the stock price given market cap. Plus, Fortress has other valuable assets (just sold a subsidiary for \$28M, has revenue from dermatology unit, etc. <sup>26</sup> <sup>20</sup>). **Bear case:** If CUTX-101 is not approved, stock could drop, though Fortress still has ~\$74M cash and other programs to fall back on <sup>21</sup>. *Plan:* Initiated a small speculative position. Will hold into the FDA decision. Stop at \$2.00 in case of pre-event sell-off. On approval, we'll look to take quick profits (the catalyst will be realized); on a negative outcome, we'll cut losses swiftly.

*Cash:* ~\$0. **(After deploying available cash this week, the portfolio is effectively fully invested.)** We'll rebuild cash from future trims or exits as needed. For now, all four positions are active and being monitored closely.

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