



# Management Team



## **Max Hodak**

### **Founder & Chief Technical Officer**

Max Hodak is the founder and Chief Technical Officer of Transcriptic. Max was inspired to form the company after working as a research assistant at Duke University Medical Center. As a member of the lab, he witnessed on a regular basis the inefficiencies of basic laboratory work that he felt were ripe for robotic optimization. Prior to founding Transcriptic, he co-founded and was CEO of MyFit, a company that designed software to forecast the likelihood of college acceptances for high school students. That company was sold to Naviance in October 2010. Max received the White House Champion of Change Award from the U.S. White House in 2013 for being a “crowdfunding pioneer” since Transcriptic was the first company to raise a seed investment round online from a crowdsourced group of angel investors. In 2015, he was named to the Forbes “30 Under 30” List in healthcare. Max received a BSE in Biomedical Engineering from Duke University.



## **Yvonne Linney, PhD**

### **Chief Executive Officer**

Yvonne Linney has more than 25 years experience as an executive at industry-leading companies in the life sciences and diagnostics industries, joining Transcriptic in 2015 as Chief Operating Officer. Previously, she was an executive at Agilent Technologies, beginning as Vice President and General Manager for the Genomics Business and becoming Vice President and General Manager of the Life Science Solutions Division. Prior to joining Agilent in 2006, Yvonne held senior marketing positions at Siemens Healthcare (now part of Bayer Diagnostics) and Caliper Life Sciences. From 1993-2003, she was a key member of the senior leadership team at Amersham International (now GE Healthcare), collaborating with the founding members of the Global Human Genome Project. Yvonne holds a BS in Microbiology and Virology from Warwick University, UK, and a PhD in Genetics from Leicester University, UK.



## **Jimmy Sastra, PhD**

### **Vice President, Automation**

As an undergraduate at the University of Pennsylvania more than a decade ago, Jimmy Sastra worked in a traumatic brain injury lab where he learned that wet lab biology requires lots of tedious human labor and could greatly benefit from automation. This experience prompted him to get a PhD at the Penn Modlab, where he built modular robots. He then worked at Willow Garage, where Jimmy designed different body parts for a humanoid robot. He joined Transcriptic from the Open Source Robotics Foundation, where he worked in mechanical engineering.



## **Evan Worly**

### **Vice President, Software Engineering**

Evan Worley has more than a decade of senior-level engineering experience. Prior to joining Transcriptic as VP of Software Engineering, Evan was Director of Engineering at DNAnexus, a pioneer in cloud-based genomic analysis software services. Prior to that, Evan worked for Intuit as a Senior Software Engineer focused on next-generation computation and modeling systems for the consumer tax division. He holds a BS in Computer Science from the University of California, San Diego.



## **Ben Miles, PhD**

### **Head of Product**

Ben Miles, Ph.D is a chemical biologist and product manager who has been working with Transcriptic since 2016. As product manager and a former customer of Transcriptic, Ben works closely with our users and our internal team to ensure Transcriptic builds value for every one of our users. As a scientist Ben is able to work closely with our users to understand their research requirements and synthesize those into the Transcriptic platform. Prior to Transcriptic Ben worked in growth for the cloud-based electronic medical record company, Dently, based in London, UK. Ben received a PhD and Master of Research in chemical biology from Imperial College London and also holds a B.Sc in Nanotechnology from the University of Leeds.



## **Yin He, PhD**

### **Head of Scientific Operations**

Yin He is Head of Scientific Operations and joined Transcriptic in June 2013 as the 2nd scientist. She holds a BS in Biology and Chemistry from the University of Virginia and a PhD in Molecular Biology, Genetics and Genomics from Cornell University. At Cornell, Yin's thesis focused on protein folding pathways and endoplasmic reticulum (ER) stress in the context of metabolic disorders, resulting in 8 peer-reviewed publications in high-impact journals such as Cell Metabolism and Molecular Cell.



## **Celia Chow**

### **Director of Business Operations**

Celia Chow has decades of experience in software development methodology, the Capability Maturity Model for software development, project management, and business operations. Prior to joining Transcriptic, she was Senior Operations Manager at Willow Garage, a robotics research and technology incubator devoted to developing hardware and open source software for personal robotics applications. She was one of the first employees to set up business processes for the company. Prior to that Celia was Principal Engineer at Xerox Palo Alto Research Center where she devoted her time to planning and managing proof of concept projects and obtaining a software engineering Capability Maturity Model certification. She received a BA in Literature from Tamkung University in Taiwan and attended Golden Gate University's MBA program in San Francisco.

