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Using Cells for Healing

RepliCel Life Sciences Inc. (OTCQB: REPCF) (TSXV:RP) is a regenerative medicine company developing cell therapies to treat conditions related to a deficit of healthy cells needed to heal and restore function.times in the energy market and plans for future growth.

Stem Cell Therapies With Major Catalysts Ahead



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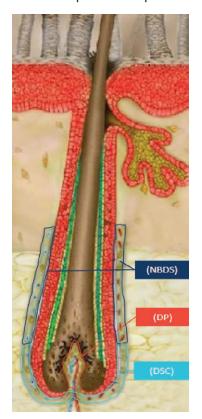
The single most important share-price driver in the small- or micro-cap biotech space is the presence of a near-term catalyst that could boost share price. The smaller a company's market valuation, the greater the potential impact of market-moving data. Many times anticipated good news is already baked into the share price, but that is not the case with Vancouver, B.C.-based RepliCel Life Sciences Inc., which has a microcap valuation of just \$US19.8 million.

RepliCel has a stem cell franchise, currently in phase 1 and phase 2 development, that will put hair on your shiny bald head, heal your debilitating and painful Achilles heel and smooth the tired-looking wrinkles off your face. If any one of these technology platforms gets regulatory approval and then makes it to the market, that lowly market cap could grow into many multiples of what it is today. News, in fact, is on the way, including data from two clinical trials in the first quarter of this year. The company also has a hand-held dermal injector device that could be marketed next year.

Here's the story.

From the normal hair follicle on a patient's neck, RepliCel is advancing two cell technologies that are being developed in three different indications.

Fibroblasts are harvested from the non-bulbar dermal sheath (NBDS) located on the long axis of the hair follicle (see figure). These cells are plentiful and are active producers of type 1 collagen, a protein made of 19 amino acids and which make up connective tissue, such as tendon, muscle and scar tissue. After preparation into doses, NBDS cells slated for use in chronic tendinosis are noted as RCT-01 for the Achilles heel indication. For the skin aging, sun damage and wrinkle indication, they

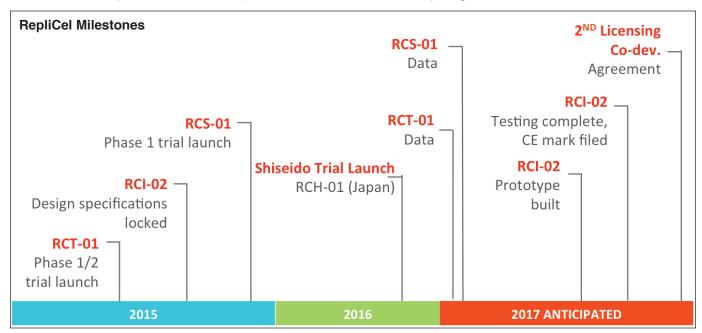


are noted as RCS-01. These cells are harvested, isolated and mixed with a growth medium and expanded ex vivo, or outside the patient, for up to eight weeks in a batch especially for the patient from whom they were taken. This is the "autologous" model where the patient is his or her own donor, which eliminates the possibility of tissue rejection. The tendinosis indication is in phase 1/2 and the skin study is in phase 1.

Dermal sheath cup cells (DSCs) are located at the lower, rounded, fat or bulbar region of the follicle, and they support colonies of dermal papillae (DP) cells. Arterioles and capillaries in this region nourish and support these cells with oxygen and nutrients such as glucose, and hair fibers are generated and grow out from this dermal papilla area. The cells that will ultimately become the RCH-01 cell preparation are isolated and harvested from this region, and they are expanded ex vivo, in much the same way as RCT-01 and RCS-01 cells. The RSH-01 preparation is being developed for androgenic alopecia, better known as pattern baldness, and this project is in phase 2 in the U.S. It is also in clinical trials in Japan with global partner Shiseido.

The testing phase is completed for the dermal injector, designated as RCI-02, and an application has been filed in the European Union for the CE mark, which is displayed on medical devices that meet the requirements and standards that the appropriate regulator has set. The CE mark means approval and is similar the FDA's 510(k).

Here are the catalysts or milestones RepliCel investors should be anticipating:



Results from the company's chronic tendinosis trial with RCT-01 as well as its skin aging, wrinkling and sun-damaged skin study with RCS-01 are imminent. The data are being crunched now, and the company's update of January 5, 2017 indicates that these data will be published mid-way through the first quarter of this year. That implies that we should hear something in the mid-February range. The company says the data are being analyzed now by an independent third party.

The company will complete fabrication of its dermal injector functional prototypes during 2017, and this is expected to be sufficient for the CE mark application to get the device approved in the European Union. RepliCel is going for a label approval for injection of hyaluronic acid-based dermal fillers, which are used by dermatologists and plastic surgeons to fill and smooth wrinkles and age lines of the face.

Market opportunity

An analyst could show investors the size of these markets—skin aging, Achilles heel and hair restoration—and any of the three could represent total markets worth billions of dollars. There is an opportunity to carve out hundreds of millions in revenue to produce an extraordinary, eye-opening top line. I prefer to focus on RepliCel's current minimalist market cap of under \$US20 million and the fact that movement of these clinical studies into phase 2 and phase 3 could mean a very significant increase in share price. RepliCel represents an undiscovered opportunity, but its low market cap precludes mutual funds and pensions from owning it. So, small hedge funds, family offices and individual investors should give this company a serious look.

Analyst Commentary

"RepliCel Life Sciences recapitalization provides funds to drive non-bulbar dermal sheath cell platform forward with renewed vigor Đ Spec BUY... RepliCel made a substantial advance on reducing its financial risk yesterday by closing on a \$4.3M unit offering that will add about \$4.1M in net cash to its balance sheet (current cash balance was probably at/near nil, so adjusted cash is probably at that level at monthend) and 8.2M shares/8.2M warrants to capital structure, bringing basic S/O in our model to 14.9M and fully diluted S/O to 26.2M."

-Douglas W. Loe, PhD MDA, Echelon Wealth Partners,
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