

MultikineTM "First In Class Immunotherapy" Cancer Therapy First Indication: Head & Neck Cancer Neoadjuvant (Pre-surgery) Immunotherapy

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Who is CEL-SCI?

We are a Washington, DC area based biotechnology company. Our goal is to treat and hopefully cure cancer by activating the immune system BEFORE surgery, radiotherapy and chemotherapy destroy it.

We have completed the largest ever Phase 3 study in head and neck cancer, one of the most difficult to treat cancers and a multi-billion market. Our study showed that our immunotherapy Multikine: 1) adds little to no toxicity; 2) extends survival by almost 4-years in the target patient population.

All cancer drugs that have shown survival benefit have historically been worth billions of dollars.

The FDA agreed with us and gave the go-ahead on a small confirmatory study to bring Multikine to market. Potential approval in 2026.

Our drug manufacturing facility is ready to produce over \$2 billion worth of Multikine.

Multikine is not limited to head and neck cancer. It is a platform technology for solid tumors.



UNIQUE DE-RISKED OPPORTUNITY IN CANCER IMMUNOTHERAPY

- Multikine has been **extensively tested in clinical studies**, including a 928-patient Phase 3 \bullet study in newly diagnosed head and neck cancer
- Headed into a small final FDA confirmatory marketing Registration Study in Q1 2025 based on very strong Phase 3 data
- Multikine **markedly increased the 5-year survival** rate compared to control in this very ulletaggressive cancer, achieving a 73% survival vs 45% for control
- Multikine is used right after diagnosis, before surgery, radiation, and chemotherapy have ٠ damaged the immune system
- **Focus on patients** who are PD-L1 low/negative (70% of patients) who are **not addressed by** current blockbuster drugs Keytruda and Opdivo
- No new drug approved by FDA for the specific indication in decades •
- Potential for development to treat other solid tumor cancers
- POTENTIAL FOR MULTIKINE TO BECOME THE NEXT BLOCKBUSTER DRUG and • **NEW STANDARD OF CARE FOR HEAD & NECK CANCER**



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\$35 M Market Cap

\$27 M Raised in 2024

Multi-Billion \$ Head & Neck Cancer Market

Global Annual Population of 100,000

Potential to be **THE CANCER DRUG for** Low PD-L1 Patients, Not **Currently Addressed by Blockbuster Checkpoint Inhibitors**

This is the Current Standard of Care for These Very Sick Patients

Multikine would be added to the current standard of care, delivered locally via injections around the tumor and adjacent to the draining lymphatic chain area before surgery:





Current Standard Of Care

Confirmatory Registration Study in Q1 2025 in Patients with Best Survival Benefit

- Results of our randomized 928-patient head and neck cancer open label, controlled Phase 3 study:
 - 46.5-month (nearly 4 years) survival benefit over control when patients were treated with Multikine followed by surgery and radiotherapy (not chemotherapy)
 - No survival benefit in patients who had chemotherapy added to the treatment
 - Multikine was safe and well tolerated
- The FDA requested a confirmatory study focusing on the patients with the excellent survival benefit (i.e., those who did not receive chemotherapy)
- We successfully determined from the Phase 3 study data how to select a population of patients who would be treated with surgery and radiotherapy (not chemotherapy)
- In May 2024 FDA agreed to a small 212-patient confirmatory study that will repeat the Phase 3, but with only the patients expected to be the best responders to Multikine



Multikine Improved Survival in the Completed Phase 3 Study Target Population (N0 & PD-L1 low) for Confirmatory Study –

Data Presented at ESMO 2023

- No safety signals or toxicities vs standard of care
- Statistically significant (log rank p=0.0015)
- Hazard ratio = 0.35 (95% CIs [0.19, 0.66])
- Curves separate early and plateau with a tail typical of Immuno Oncology drugs as in the Multikine arm





Kaplan-Meier Overall Survival for Multikine target population (n=114)

5-year OS: 73% vs 45%

Some Patients have Complete Tumor Responses in Just 3 Weeks

Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma (Locally Advanced Primary H&N Cancer)

Histological appearance of necrosis in Oral Squamous Cell Carcinoma (OSCC) [HE staining]:



Non-Multikine treated Lack of necrosis in the epithelial nests of OSCC **Multikine treated** Entire cancer nest is necrotic and filled with debris and leukocytes





Highly De-Risked Confirmatory Study With Potential Approval by 2026

- Statistically the chance of success in the confirmatory study is estimated at over 95%
- Potential accelerated or conditional approval by 2026, based on tumor responses predictive of survival
- Better overall survival (OS) benefit than needed for approval: \bullet
 - We showed a 28% absolute survival benefit at 5-years (73% 45% survival), but we only need to Ο show 10% survival benefit to succeed with the study
 - Tumors disappear and shrink in just 3 weeks of Multikine treatment; zero such responses Ο reported in the control group
 - No safety issues Ο
- OS is the 'gold standard' for approval
- The value of cancer drugs that increase OS is very high •
- Approval would create a new standard of care in the treatment of PD-L1 low head and neck cancer patients (about 70%) - This should create a multi-billion \$ market with no competitor. We also have an orphan designation in the USA allowing 7-year mark exclusivity CEL.

Investment Catalysts

Strong Survival Data for Unmet Medical Need

FDA Approval Pathway: As Early as 2026

Study Starts Q1 2025

The goal of the confirmatory study is to show an absolute **10%** or better survival benefit. The analysis of these patients in the completed Phase 3 study showed a much higher absolute survival benefit of **28%** over control. No other drug has been approved in Multikine's indication focused on PD-L1 low (70% of patients)

Confirmatory study of 212 patients. FDA found the proposed study design acceptable and gave the go-ahead. Study expected to start in **Q1 2025**. This study will enroll the same type of patient that showed excellent longterm survival benefit in the completed Phase 3 study (those with N0 and low PD-L1).



Plan to Request Accelerated/ Conditional Approval

We Believe in a Positive Outcome of the Confirmatory Study

Expected to complete enrollment in **Q2 2026**. Response to 3-week Multikine treatment confirmed at surgery would lead to submission for potential accelerated approval (FDA) and/or conditional approval (rest of world). Given the results of the prior Phase 3 study, statistically the chance of success is 95%. We believe the confirmatory registration study will be successful.

What is Multikine?





What is Multikine?

Multikine is an investigational cancer immunotherapy with little to no toxicity that activates the immune system of cancer patients. It is given <u>before</u> surgery, radiotherapy and chemotherapy have compromised or destroyed the immune system. Multikine is used as a neo-adjuvant to make follow-on cancer treatments more successful.

Normally cancer drugs are developed for recurrent cancer patients, those patients who have already failed other treatments.

Multikine is in the final stage of being developed as the first treatment after diagnosis, before the Standard of Care (SOC) treatments of surgery, radiotherapy, and chemotherapy, in stage 3 and stage 4 head and neck cancer patients.

The goal of the company is to establish a new SOC for newly diagnosed head and neck cancer patients which would add Multikine to the current SOC.

Multikine is not tumor specific. Therefore, it should also be developed against other solid tumors such as cervical, anal, melanoma, bladder and breast cancer.

Head and neck cancer represents a multi-billion \$ market.

How Does Multikine Work?

Multikine is a consistent mixture of natural cytokines (regulators of our immune system).

It helps the body's immune cells recognize a tumor. It does so when the immune system is strongest, before surgery, radiotherapy and chemotherapy.

Published studies of cancer patients have shown pathology slides with anti-tumor immune cells infiltrating the tumor, but not able to destroy the tumor because the tumor's defense mechanisms blocks them.

Treating with Multikine helps the body's natural immune cells overcome the tumor's defense mechanisms, enabling the immune cells to kill the tumor cells.

It is a non-toxic, mass-produced (off-the-shelf) product, which becomes specific to a person's own tumor when injected near that person's tumor and adjacent draining lymph nodes.



Multikine Mechanism of Action





Tumor Cell Death Without and With Multikine



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Multikine's Target Population for the **Confirmatory Registration Study**



Why Does Multikine Not Work in Patients Treated with Chemotherapy?

- Cisplatin chemotherapy is given by IV every 3 weeks and kills the immune cells activated by Multikine.
- All of these stage 3 and 4 patients are very sick, but those who also receive chemotherapy, are even sicker. In fact, that is why chemotherapy is added to their treatment. Maybe they are simply too sick to be helped?
- We want to treat those patients who still have immune systems that can best respond to Multikine's immune stimulation and we want to avoid the use of chemotherapy as much as possible.



Target Population for Confirmatory Study

The 212-patient confirmatory study will focus on these patients:

- \rightarrow Newly diagnosed locally advanced primary (stage 3 and 4) head and neck cancer patients with:
 - **no lymph node involvement (N0)** (determined via PET scan) and
 - low PD-L1 tumor expression (determined via biopsy).
 - Physicians routinely assess these features at baseline as part of • standard practice.
 - This population represents approximately 100,000 patients globally per year.



Kaplan-Meier Overall Survival for Multikine target population (n=114) in the Phase 3 study

5-year survival 73% VS 45%

Patients Who Benefit Most from Multikine: N0 (No Cancer in the Lymph Nodes)

Using the 928 patient Phase 3 data, as permitted by FDA, we determined how to best predict who will likely be treated with radiotherapy after surgery (without chemotherapy). Advancements in imaging technology have made this possible. When our Phase 3 study was performed, CT scans were used for diagnosis. Today PET and CT scans are used for diagnosis. PET-CT/MRI scans are substantially better at identifying risk factors for recurrence and identifying suitable patients for our study. Our Phase 3 study indicated patients who are N0 (i.e., no cancer in the lymph nodes) were most likely to respond positively to Multikine.

These patients:

- Have healthier immune systems that can mount better anti-tumor immune response. •
- Are less likely to have chemotherapy added to their Standard of Care treatments following surgery.
- Therefore, the target population for the confirmatory study is mostly composed of patients who receive radiotherapy, but no chemotherapy following surgery.
- What about the small number of patients who have chemotherapy added? The Selection Criteria selects ulletthose patients who have a strong survival benefit, even if they will receive chemotherapy after surgery.
- This group alone had a hazard ratio a bit over 0.5, already very good and below the 0.7 needed for approval in Oncology studies.



Patients Who Benefit Most from Multikine: Low PDL-1 Tumor Expression

Seventy percent (70%) of the patients treated in our Phase 3 study had low or zero levels of PD-L1 expressed by their tumors. These patients had both best tumor responses to Multikine and survival. Since Multikine activates the immune system and the presence of PD-L1 inhibits the immune system this was a logical observation.

This selection criteria (i.e., having tumors with Low PD-L1 expression) lowered the hazard ratio to an even better 0.35 and lowered the upper limit of the 95% confidence interval to 0.66, thereby giving us an excellent chance of success since both are below 0.70.

FDA started focusing on the distinction in the level of PD-L1 expression in cancer patients in its first ODAC meeting on this subject on September 24, 2024.

Focusing on PD-L1 low patients offers a unique commercial opportunity since checkpoint inhibitors such as Keytruda have been shown to work well in patients who have high levels of PD-L1 expression, but do not appear to work well in patients who have low or zero PD-L1.



PD-L1: Are Multikine and Checkpoint Inhibitors in Competition? NO!

• Checkpoint Inhibitors (CI) (e.g., Keytruda, Opdivo) are currently approved in head and neck cancer for use after the first treatments have failed. We are pursuing the treatment of **newly diagnosed** patients.

Why is PD-L1 level used to select patients?

- PD-L1 is the #1 marker for the selection of patients for treatment with the most successful class of cancer drugs, checkpoint inhibitors (e.g. Keytruda, Opdivo). These drugs work by blocking the interaction of PD-L1 on the tumor with PD-1 on immune cells and enable an immune response against the tumor.
- If the tumor does not have overexpression of PD-L1, there tends to be no survival benefit with the treatment of immune checkpoint inhibitors. In general, only about 30% of patients have tumors with high levels of PD-L1.
- Multikine works differently, it does not block PD-L1. Multikine stimulates the immune system to fight cancer. It makes sense that Multikine works better if PD-L1 is not blocking the immune response created by Multikine.



Why Did Regulators Like This Patient Population?

FDA gave the go-ahead for this confirmatory study after review of all data. Regulators have told us that the ethics are much stricter for newly diagnosed patients since they "are more delicate" (meaning some will survive with the current standard of care alone).

CEL-SCI's subgroup is based on a large number of patients (n=114) and has very strong statistical significance.

The analysis for risk of recurrence (radiotherapy vs chemoradiotherapy), which include the N0 (no cancerous lymph nodes) selection, was pre-specified in the protocol. The selection for PD-L1, unavailable commercially when we started the study, was pre-specified in the Statistical Analysis Section prior to database lock.

The baseline and demographic characteristics of the two comparator groups in the Phase 3 that led to the selection of patients for the confirmatory registration study are well balanced. See Bias Analysis in next slide.



Data From the Bias Analysis

Phase 3 Study Selected Target Population N0, TPD-L1 < 10 (*n*=114, *baseline characteristics, demographics*)

Baseline Covariate	Covariate Level	MK+CIZ+SOC (n=60)	SOC Only (n=54)
		Percents	Percents
Age	Mean	56.9	58.0
	(Range)	(33-76)	(35-80)
Sex	% Male	76.7	88.9
Race	% Asian	0.0	7.4
	% Black/AA	3.3	0.0
	% White/Caucasian	96.7	92.6
Ethnicity	% Not Hispanic/Latino	46.7	46.3
	% Not Reported	53.3	53.7
BMI	Mean	24.9	23.9
	(Range)	(17.4-33.4)	(18.2-36.1)
Tumor Location	% Oral Tongue	26.7	33.3
	% Floor of Mouth	55.0	44.4
	% Cheek (buccal mucosa)	6.7	7.4
	% Soft Palate	11.7	14.8
Baseline Stage	% Stage III	65.0	74.1
	% Stage IVa	35.0	25.9



Conclusion: The Target Population treatment groups demographics and baseline characteristic were comparable for MK+CIZ+SOC vs SOC Only (Control)

There is a Strong Biological Basis Why Multikine Works in These Patients

The results in the selected subgroup are based on factors that tie directly to Multikine's biological mechanism of action.

- N0 selection (no cancer in the lymph nodes) results in selecting patients who have a better ability to \bullet respond to Multikine immune stimulation because they generally have a lower disease burden. The Phase 3 clinical trial results also showed a higher rate of pre-surgical responses among subjects with lower disease burden and those pre-surgical results predict for higher survival.
- Multikine stimulates the immune system to fight cancer. It makes sense that Multikine works better if PD-• L1 is not blocking the cellular immune response created by Multikine.

Because Multikine relies on activating the patient's own local antitumor immune response, it should be expected that Multikine will have greater effect in patients with an intact local immune architecture and increased immune competency, and generally in lower-disease burden patients.



Tell me About the Design of the Confirmatory Study

Stage 1: Treatment Period

Treatment Arm n=106	Multikine treatment first then standard of care	
	Randomized 1:1 between the treatment arm and the control arm	
Control Arm n=106	Standard of care only	
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Q1 2025	Q2 2026	
Enrollment Begins	Targeting Full Enrollment	
	Pre-surgical response rates can be determined almost immediately after full enrollment is completed.	
CEL ^I SCI	<u>Plan to seek early approval at this time</u> in U.S. and other countries.	



Stage 2: Follow-up period

Assess overall survival as the primary efficacy endpoint, and then histopathology biomarkers too.

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Conclusion

Timing is dependent on 65 patient deaths in the combined arms of the study

Who Will Lead the Confirmatory Registration Study?



Nabil F. Saba, MD, FACP

- Dr. Nabil F. Saba, MD, FACP will serve as the confirmatory global Phase III upcoming confirmatory registration study
- Cancer Institute of Emory University.
- treating head and neck and esophageal cancer.
- group trials in the field of head and neck oncology under the ECOG-ACRIN group.
- editor of two textbooks and is a member of the ASCO Guidelines Committee.



clinical trial Lead, as a member of the Study Steering Committee, for CEL-SCI's

• Nationally and internationally recognized expert in head and neck cancer and is professor. Director of the Head and Neck Cancer Medical Oncology at Winship

• Principal investigator in more than 50 clinical trials and chairs national as well as investigator initiated multi-institution studies focusing on novel approaches for

• He is an active member of the NRG Oncology and Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group Head and Neck Cancer Core Committees, and chairs two NCI cooperative

• Published more than 290 peer reviewed manuscripts and textbook chapters and is

When Can the Study Lead to an Approval?

Per the FDA, we will be allowed to see the tumor response data after full enrollment. We hope to achieve full enrollment by Q2 2026. At that time, we plan to discuss with the FDA and other countries' regulators, an early approval based on pre-surgical tumor responses shown to predict survival.

The very end of the study will occur when 65 patient deaths have occurred in the total population (the combined groups) of the study. At that time, we will analyze the survival benefit of Multikine over control.



Increased Pre-Surgical Tumor Responses Predict for Survival Across <u>All</u> Patients (n=928) in the Phase 3 Trial









Pre-surgical downstagings

Multikine

Control

Manufacturing Facility Ready for Commercial-Scale **Production of Multikine**



Dedicated State-of-the-Art Manufacturing Facility As Requested by FDA

c GMP and BSL-1 facility near Washington, DC, USA

- → Built specifically for Multikine
- \rightarrow State-of-the art facility
- \rightarrow Over 73,000 ft² of Manufacturing and R&D space available
- \rightarrow About 45,000 ft² fully developed
- → Proprietary automated cold fill to ensure no loss of biological activity during fill
- \rightarrow Commissioning was achieved in February 2024. We are currently making drug for the new study.

Inspected several times by European Qualified Person (QP)

→ Inspected by the QP for the manufacture and release of Sterile Medicinal Products (per ICH and EU Directives/Regulations)

Barriers to competition – Process of manufacture

→ In house manufacturing process for complex biologic with initial capacity 12,000+ treatments per year.





Over \$200 million invested in drug manufacturing.

Dedicated facility was built before the Phase 3 trial started and the capacity was recently doubled in preparation for commercialization.

Stellar Management & Medical Advisory Team





Experienced Management Team



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BA from the University of Bridgeport





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CEL-SCI Acting Chief Medical Officer since 2024

CMO at Xcovery (ongoing NDA for ensartinib, ALK TKI)

Clinical strategy consultant for Tubulis for first in class ADC program in solid tumors

Prior experience:

20 years in academia in Italy as clinician

GSK: Director in Cancer Immunotherapy

Novartis Oncology: led ceritinib (ALK inhibitor) to AA.

Oncolytics: VP of Clinical Development

BMS: Lung cancer Program Lead (multiple NDAs for nivolumab/ ipilimumab)

Top-Tier Physician Consultants Who Accompanied Us to Regulators



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