NanoStem Biotech: Executive Summary

Unmet Market Need

- No effective treatment of central nervous system (CNS) injuries
- · Significant hurdles in stem cell therapy
 - o Low cell survival rate
 - Incomplete differentiation
 - o Limited neurite growth
- Key challenges with bioscaffolds today
 - Burst release of drugs
 - o Insufficient cellular adhesion support
 - o Slow scaffold degradation

Market Opportunity

- · U.S.: 291k SCI patients today; 18k new annually
- Direct costs (depending on severity/category):
 - o 1st year: \$350k to >\$1M
 - Annual recurring: \$40k to >\$200k
- Current neurological categories (incomplete vs. para/tetraplegic) imply a large unmet market opportunity, which we estimate to be \$30B+

Current State of Technology

- PCT patent filed Nov 2018
 - Covers material, methods of use, and manufacture thereof
 - Strong in vitro and in vivo data
 - Extensive dataset available upon request
- Near-term goals
 - o TOX and additional in vivo tests in progress
 - o Target IND filing in 2021

"THE ASK"

- We are looking for a seasoned entrepreneur:
 - o Become a business co-founder
 - Help refine market direction & strategy
 - Help raise dilutive/non-dilutive capital
 - Help guide us through IND-enabling studies, and liaise with CROs/CMOs
- We also welcome partnerships with clinicians and industry participants with deep, relevant knowledge

Our Solution

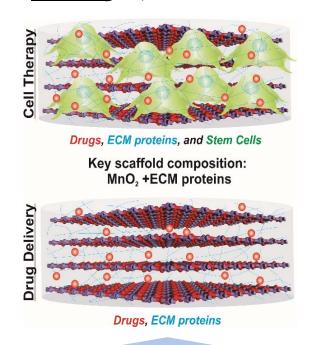
- Biodegradable MnO2 nanoscaffold
 - o 3D biomimicry scaffold for stem cell therapy
 - o Stem cell / neuronal differentiation
 - o Upregulated ECM-protein binding affinity
 - o Efficient drug loading with sustained delivery
 - MRI/FRET-based monitoring of drug release

• Primary target market: spinal cord injury (SCI)

- Significant market opportunity
- Our team's direct access to leading SCI experts:
 - Wise Young, MD, PhD, Distinguished Professor, Rutgers
- o Potential for <u>platform technology</u> with other fields of use: cardiovascular, muscularskeletal, skin, etc.

• Our Scientific Team:

- KiBum Lee, PhD; Professor, Dept. of Chemistry & Chemical Biology, Rutgers
- o Letao Yang, PhD; Postdoc Research Assoc.
- o Dean Chueng, PhD; Postdoc Research Assoc.



Current Methods of Treatment for SCI

- As a reminder, no effective treatments today.
- <u>Direct Cell Injection</u> and Transplantation:
 - o Nipro, Athersys, Brainstorm Cell
- Scaffold-based Cell Transplantation:
 - o Allegro 3D, Vericell