

CELL THERAPEUTICS INC  
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Registration No. 333-153358

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM S-3**  
**(Post-Effective Amendment No. 1)**  
**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

*UNDER*  
*THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933*

**CELL THERAPEUTICS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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(State of other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

(Primary Standard Industrial  
Classification Code Number)  
501 Elliott Avenue West, Suite 400

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

Seattle, Washington 98119

(206) 282-7100

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

James A. Bianco, M.D.

Chief Executive Officer

Cell Therapeutics, Inc.

501 Elliott Avenue West, Suite 400

Seattle, Washington 98119

(206) 282-7100

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

*Copy to:*

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*Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: N/A*

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act, check the following box.

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See definition of accelerated filer, large accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

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| Large accelerated filer <input type="checkbox"/>   | Accelerated filer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Non-accelerated filer <input type="checkbox"/> (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) | Smaller reporting company <input type="checkbox"/>    |

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 is being filed, pursuant to the Registrant's undertaking in Part II, Item 17(a)(3) of the original Registration Statement, for the purpose of removing from registration \$146,324,274.45 of the \$150,000,000 indeterminable securities, including common stock, preferred stock, various series of debt securities and warrants, originally registered for issuance under the Securities Act of 1933.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 the Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the city of Seattle, state of Washington, on March 16, 2009.

## CELL THERAPEUTICS, INC.

By: */s/ James A. Bianco*  
**James A. Bianco, M.D.**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| Signature                          | Title   | Date           |
|------------------------------------|---|----------------|
| *                                  | Chairman of the Board   | March 16, 2009 |
| <b>Phillip M. Nudelman, Ph.D.</b>  |   |                |
| <i>/s/ James A. Bianco</i>         | Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)  | March 16, 2009 |
| <b>James A. Bianco, M.D.</b>       |   |                |
| *                                  | Executive Vice President, Finance and Administration (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer) | March 16, 2009 |
| <b>Louis A. Bianco</b>             |   |                |
| *                                  | Director  | March 16, 2009 |
| <b>John H. Bauer</b>               |   |                |
| *                                  | Director  | March 16, 2009 |
| <b>Vartan Gregorian, Ph.D.</b>     |   |                |
| *                                  | Director  | March 16, 2009 |
| <b>Richard L. Love</b>             |   |                |
| *                                  | Director  | March 16, 2009 |
| <b>Mary O. Mundinger, Dr. PH</b>   |   |                |
| *                                  | Director  | March 16, 2009 |
| <b>Jack W. Singer, M.D.</b>        |   |                |
| *                                  | Director  | March 16, 2009 |
| <b>Frederick W. Telling, Ph.D.</b> |   |                |

\*By: /s/ James A. Bianco  
James A. Bianco, M.D.

Attorney-in-Fact