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FORM 10-Q

- Quarterly Report Under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2024
 Transition Report Under Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the transition period from ____ to ____.

Commission File Number: **001-37939**



MARKER THERAPEUTICS, INC.

(Name of registrant in its charter)

DELAWARE

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

45-4497941

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

**9350 Kirby Drive, Suite 300
Houston, Texas**

(Address of principal executive offices)

77054

(Zip Code)

(713) 400-6400

(Issuer's telephone number)

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

<u>Title of each class</u>	<u>Trading Symbol(s)</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	MRKR	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes No

Indicate by checkmark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Smaller reporting company	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Emerging growth company	<input type="checkbox"/>

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

The registrant had 8,919,095 shares of common stock outstanding as of May 6, 2024.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**Item 1. Financial Statements**

MARKER THERAPEUTICS, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(UNAUDITED)

	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 11,323,428	\$ 15,111,450
Prepaid expenses and deposits	917,009	988,126
Other receivables	1,851,462	1,027,815
Total current assets	14,091,899	17,127,391
Total assets	\$ 14,091,899	\$ 17,127,391
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 1,949,700	\$ 1,745,193
Related party payable	353,965	1,329,655
Total current liabilities	2,303,665	3,074,848
Total liabilities	2,303,665	3,074,848
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.001 par value, 5 million shares authorized, 0 shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively	—	—
Common stock, \$0.001 par value, 30 million shares authorized, 8.9 million shares issued and outstanding as of March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively (see Note 9)	8,910	8,891
Additional paid-in capital	450,458,009	450,329,515
Accumulated deficit	(438,678,685)	(436,285,863)
Total stockholders' equity	11,788,234	14,052,543
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 14,091,899	\$ 17,127,391

See accompanying notes to these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

MARKER THERAPEUTICS, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(UNAUDITED)

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2024	2023
Revenues:		
Grant income	\$ 1,244,061	\$ 1,234,336
Total revenues	<u>1,244,061</u>	<u>1,234,336</u>
Operating expenses:		
Research and development	2,575,015	3,376,497
General and administrative	1,218,063	2,167,318
Total operating expenses	<u>3,793,078</u>	<u>5,543,815</u>
Loss from operations	(2,549,017)	(4,309,479)
Other income (expenses):		
Interest income	156,195	84,654
Loss from continuing operations	<u>(2,392,822)</u>	<u>(4,224,825)</u>
Discontinued operations:		
Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax	—	(742,751)
Loss from discontinued operations	—	(742,751)
Net loss	<u>\$ (2,392,822)</u>	<u>\$ (4,967,576)</u>
Net loss per share:		
Loss from continuing operations, basic and diluted	\$ (0.27)	\$ (0.48)
Loss from discontinued operations, basic and diluted	\$ —	\$ (0.09)
Net loss per share	<u>\$ (0.27)</u>	<u>\$ (0.57)</u>
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:		
Basic	<u>8,901,962</u>	<u>8,721,031</u>
Diluted	<u>8,901,962</u>	<u>8,721,031</u>

See accompanying notes to these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

MARKER THERAPEUTICS, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
(UNAUDITED)

	For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2024				
	Common Stock		Additional Paid- in Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Total Stockholders' Equity
	Shares	Par value			
Balance at December 31, 2023	8,891,420	\$ 8,891	\$ 450,329,515	\$ (436,285,863)	\$ 14,052,543
Issuance of common stock from exercise of stock options	19,497	19	49,077	—	49,096
Stock-based compensation	—	—	79,417	—	79,417
Net loss	—	—	—	(2,392,822)	(2,392,822)
Balance at March 31, 2024	8,910,917	\$ 8,910	\$ 450,458,009	\$ (438,678,685)	\$ 11,788,234

	For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2023				
	Common Stock		Additional Paid- in Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Total Stockholders' Equity
	Shares	Par value			
Balance at December 31, 2022	8,405,771	\$ 8,406	\$ 447,641,680	\$ (428,049,049)	\$ 19,601,037
Issuance of common stock for cash	212,761	213	619,761	—	619,974
Issuance of common stock as commitment fee for future financing	180,410	180	(180)	—	—
Stock-based compensation	—	—	659,913	—	659,913
Net loss	—	—	—	(4,967,576)	(4,967,576)
Fractional shares adjustment due to reverse split	(113)	—	—	—	—
Balance at March 31, 2023	8,798,829	\$ 8,799	\$ 448,921,174	\$ (433,016,625)	\$ 15,913,348

See accompanying notes to these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

MARKER THERAPEUTICS, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(UNAUDITED)

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2024	2023
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Net loss	\$ (2,392,822)	\$ (4,967,576)
Less: loss from discontinued operations, net of tax	—	(742,751)
Net loss from continuing operations	(2,392,822)	(4,224,825)
Reconciliation of net loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Stock-based compensation	79,417	659,913
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Prepaid expenses and deposits	71,117	36,452
Other receivables	(823,647)	1,319,118
Related party receivable	—	(1,000,000)
Related party payable	(975,690)	—
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	204,507	111,171
Net cash used in operating activities - continuing operations	(3,837,118)	(3,098,171)
Net cash used in operating activities - discontinued operations	—	(2,790,124)
Net cash used in operating activities	(3,837,118)	(5,888,295)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Net cash used in investing activities - discontinued operations	—	(112,608)
Net cash used in investing activities	—	(112,608)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		
Proceeds from issuance of common stock, net	—	619,974
Proceeds from stock options exercise	49,096	—
Net cash provided by financing activities	49,096	619,974
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(3,788,022)	(5,380,929)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	15,111,450	11,782,172
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	\$ 11,323,428	\$ 6,401,243
Supplemental schedule of non-cash financing and investing activities:		
Issuance of common stock as commitment fee for future financing	\$ —	\$ 180

See accompanying notes to these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

MARKER THERAPEUTICS, INC.
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
March 31, 2024
(Unaudited)

NOTE 1: NATURE OF OPERATIONS

Marker Therapeutics, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company” or “we”), is a clinical-stage immuno-oncology company specializing in the development and commercialization of novel T cell-based immunotherapies for the treatment of hematological malignancies and solid tumor indications. The Company’s multi tumor associated antigen (multiTAA)-specific T cell technology is based on the selective expansion of non-engineered, tumor-specific T cells that recognize tumor associated antigens, which are tumor targets, and kill tumor cells expressing those targets. These T cells are designed to recognize multiple tumor targets to produce broad spectrum anti-tumor activity. The Company was incorporated in Nevada in 1992 and reincorporated in Delaware in October 2018.

Purchase Agreement with Cell Ready

On June 26, 2023, the Company completed the previously announced transaction with Cell Ready, LLC (“Cell Ready”) pursuant to a Purchase Agreement (the “Cell Ready Purchase Agreement”), dated May 1, 2023, by and between the Company and Cell Ready. Mr. John Wilson is a member of the Company’s board of directors and is serving as the CEO of Cell Ready, therefore Cell Ready is a related party. Pursuant to the Cell Ready Purchase Agreement, effective as of the Closing Date, the Company (i) assigned to Cell Ready the leases for the Company’s two manufacturing facilities in Houston, Texas (the “Manufacturing Facilities”), (ii) sold to Cell Ready all of the equipment and leasehold improvements at the Manufacturing Facilities and (iii) assigned to Cell Ready its rights, title and interest in the Company’s Master Services Agreement for Product Supply (the “MSA”), dated April 7, 2023, by and between the Company, Cell Ready and Indapta Therapeutics, Inc., as well as its rights, title and interest in any contracts related to the equipment and Manufacturing Facilities (collectively, the “Purchased Assets”). Cell Ready acquired the Purchased Assets for total consideration of \$19.0 million. In connection with the purchase of the Manufacturing Facilities, Cell Ready also extended offers of employment to approximately 50 of the Company’s former employees in its manufacturing, development, quality, and regulatory affairs functions.

The Purchased Assets constituted a significant disposition. Based upon the magnitude of the disposition and because the Company is exiting certain manufacturing operations, the disposition represents a significant strategic shift that will have a material effect on the Company’s operations and financial results. Accordingly, the assets sold meet the definition of a discontinued operation, as defined by Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 205-20 – Discontinued Operations, and prior comparative periods have been retroactively adjusted to reflect the current presentation. See additional discussion at Note 7.

On February 22, 2024, we entered into a Master Services Agreement for Product Supply (the “MSA”) with Cell Ready to provide outsourced services previously performed by the Company prior to its asset sale to Cell Ready. Cell Ready, which is owned by one of our directors and shareholders, Mr. John Wilson, is a contract development and manufacturing organization (CDMO). Under the MSA, it is anticipated Cell Ready will perform a wide variety of services for us, including research and development, and manufacturing in support of our clinical trials. Pursuant to the MSA, the Company may contract with Cell Ready for the provision of various products and services from time to time by entering into work orders with Cell Ready. If the services involve the supply of product, Cell Ready is required to supply such product in conformance with the product requirements set forth in the applicable work order(s). Under the MSA, Cell Ready is to use only personnel with sufficient qualifications and experience to supply the services contemplated by the MSA, provide its personnel with adequate training and assume full responsibility for its personnel’s compliance with the MSA. Further, Cell Ready is required to provide the Company with assistance and cooperation in order for the Company to obtain and maintain all necessary regulatory approvals, at the Company’s expense.

Organizational Changes

In 2023, the Company implemented changes to its organizational structure due to the transaction with Cell Ready and to reduce operational costs. In connection with these changes, the Company reduced headcount, including the separation of its former Chief Executive Officer, Peter Hoang, in May 2023, and its former Chief Accounting Officer, Michael Loiacono, in June 2023. During the second quarter of 2023, the Company recorded \$0.9 million of severance and termination-related costs. The payments of these costs were completed in July of 2023. Effective May 1, 2023, the Company's board of directors appointed Dr. Juan Vera as the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer.

Effective June 30, 2023, the board of directors appointed Eliot M. Lurier as the Company's Interim Chief Financial Officer, whereby Mr. Lurier provided consulting services to the Company pursuant to a consulting agreement between the Company and Danforth Advisors, LLC ("Danforth") and received no compensation directly from the Company. On November 17, 2023, the Company terminated the consulting agreement between the Company and Danforth, effective January 16, 2024.

On November 17, 2023, Mr. Lurier ceased serving as the Company's Interim Chief Financial Officer and Dr. Vera was appointed as the Company's Principal Financial and Accounting Officer.

Reverse Stock Split

On January 26, 2023, the Company effected a one-for-ten (1-for-10) reverse stock split of its common stock (the "Reverse Stock Split") and a corresponding reduction in the total number of authorized shares of its common stock from 300,000,000 to 30,000,000. The Reverse Stock Split, which was approved by stockholders at an annual stockholder meeting on May 24, 2022, was consummated pursuant to a Certificate of Amendment filed with the Secretary of State of Delaware on January 26, 2023. The Reverse Stock Split was effective on January 26, 2023. All references to common stock, warrants to purchase common stock, options to purchase common stock, share data, per share data and related information contained in the consolidated financial statements have been retrospectively adjusted to reflect the effect of the Reverse Stock Split for all periods presented.

NOTE 2: BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") for interim financial information and pursuant to the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 8 of Regulation S-X of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and on the same basis as the Company prepares its annual audited consolidated financial statements. In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring adjustments, considered necessary for a fair presentation of such interim results (see Note 7 for information on discontinued operations).

The results for the unaudited condensed consolidated statement of operations are not necessarily indicative of results to be expected for the year ending December 31, 2024, or for any future interim period. The condensed consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 2023 has been derived from audited financial statements, however, it does not include all of the information and notes required by U.S. GAAP for complete financial statements. The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023 and notes thereto included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K filed on March 26, 2024.

NOTE 3: LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

As of March 31, 2024, the Company had cash and cash equivalents of approximately \$11.3 million. The Company's activities since inception have consisted principally of acquiring product and technology rights, raising capital, and performing research and development. Successful completion of the Company's development programs and, ultimately, the attainment of profitable operations are dependent on future events, including, among other things, its ability to access potential markets; secure financing; successfully progress its product candidates through preclinical and clinical development; obtain regulatory approval of one or more of its product candidates; maintain and enforce intellectual property rights; develop a customer base; attract, retain and motivate qualified personnel; and develop strategic alliances and collaborations. From inception, the Company has been funded by a combination of equity, debt financings and grants. In August 2021, the Company entered into a Controlled Equity OfferingSM Sales Agreement (the "ATM Agreement") with Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. and RBC Capital Markets, LLC (the "Sales Agents"), pursuant to which the Company can offer and sell, from time to time at its sole discretion through the Sales Agents, shares of its common stock having an aggregate offering price of up to \$75.0 million. Any shares of its common stock sold will be issued pursuant to the Company's shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-258687), which the SEC declared effective on August 19, 2021. However, our use of the shelf registration statement on Form S-3 will be limited for so long as we are subject to General Instruction I.B.6 of Form S-3, which limits the amounts that we may sell under the registration statement and in accordance with the ATM agreement. The Sales Agents are entitled to compensation under the Sales Agreement at a commission rate equal to 3.0% of the gross sales price per share sold under the ATM Agreement, and we have provided each of the Sales Agents with indemnification and contribution rights. During the three months ended March 31, 2023, the Company sold 200,261 shares of its common stock under the ATM Agreement for proceeds of \$0.6 million. There was no common stock issued under the ATM Agreement during the three months ended March 31, 2024. In April 2024, the Company sold 8,178 shares of its common stock under the ATM Agreement resulting in net proceeds of \$0.04 million, after deducting agent commissions.

In August 2021, the Company received notice of a Product Development Research award totaling approximately \$13.1 million from the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas ("CPRIT") to support the Company's clinical investigation of MT-401. Through the date of this filing, the Company has received \$6.9 million of funds from the CPRIT grant. The Company recorded \$0.8 million of grant income related to the CPRIT grant as revenue for the three months ended March 31, 2024.

In September 2022, the Company received notice from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (the "FDA") that it had awarded the Company a \$2.0 million grant from the FDA's Orphan Products Grant program to support the Company's clinical investigation of MT-401 for the treatment of post-transplant AML. Through the date of this filing, the Company has received \$0.8 million from the FDA grant. The Company recorded \$0.3 million and \$0.1 million of grant income related to the FDA grant as revenue for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. As of March 31, 2024, the Company recorded \$0.3 million of grant income receivable, which represented grant income earned in advance of funds to be received from the FDA. In April 2024, the Company received \$0.3 million of funds from the FDA grant.

In May 2023, the Company received notice of a \$2.0 million grant from the National Institutes of Health Small Business Innovation Research ("SBIR") program to support the development and investigation of MT-401 for the treatment of AML patients following standard-of-care therapy with hypomethylating agents. Through the date of this filing, the Company has received \$0.4 million from SBIR. The Company recorded \$0.2 million of grant income related to the SBIR grant as revenue for the three months ended March 31, 2024. As of March 31, 2024, the Company recorded \$0.2 million as other receivable, which represented grant income earned in advance of funds to be received from the SBIR. In April 2024, the Company received \$0.2 million of funds from the SBIR grant.

As described in Note 1, on June 26, 2023, the Company completed the transaction with Cell Ready pursuant to the Cell Ready Purchase Agreement for total consideration of \$19.0 million. On February 22, 2024, the Company entered into a Master Services Agreement for Product Supply (the "MSA") with Cell Ready, a contract development and manufacturing organization (CDMO). Under the MSA, it is anticipated Cell Ready will perform a wide variety of services for us, including research and development, and manufacturing in support of our clinical trials. Pursuant to the MSA, the Company may contract with Cell Ready for the provision of various products and services from time to time by entering into work orders with Cell Ready.

The Company expects to continue to incur substantial losses over the next several years during its development phase.

Based on the Company's clinical and research and development plans and its timing expectations related to the progress of its programs, the Company expects that its cash and cash equivalents as of March 31, 2024, including drawdowns of available grant funds, will enable the Company to fund its operating expenses and capital expenditure requirements into the fourth quarter of 2025. Prior to the Cell Ready transaction, there was substantial doubt regarding the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, which was alleviated by the proceeds from the transaction.

The Company has based this estimate on assumptions that may prove to be wrong, and the Company could utilize its available capital resources sooner than it currently expects. Furthermore, the Company's operating plan may change, and it may need additional funds sooner than planned in order to meet operational needs and capital requirements for product development and commercialization. Because of the numerous risks and uncertainties associated with the development and commercialization of the Company's product candidates and the extent to which the Company may enter into additional collaborations with third parties to participate in their development and commercialization, the Company is unable to estimate the amounts of increased capital outlays and operating expenditures associated with its current and anticipated clinical trials. The Company's future funding requirements will depend on many factors, as it:

- initiates or continues clinical trials of its product candidates;
- continues the research and development of its product candidates and seeks to discover additional product candidates;
- seeks regulatory approvals for any product candidates that successfully complete clinical trials;
- maintains and enforces intellectual property rights;
- enters into contract manufacturing arrangements with Cell Ready or other contract manufacturing organizations for clinical manufacturing supply;
- establishes sales, marketing and distribution infrastructure and scale-up manufacturing capabilities to commercialize any product candidates that may receive regulatory approval;
- evaluates strategic transactions the Company may undertake; and
- enhances operational, financial and information management systems and hires additional personnel, including personnel to support development of product candidates and, if a product candidate is approved, commercialization efforts.

The Company has sufficient cash available to meet its operating requirements for at least the next twelve months from the issuance of these financial statements. However, the Company does not have sufficient sources of revenue to provide incoming cash flows to sustain its future operations beyond the fourth quarter of 2025. As outlined above, its ability to pursue its long-term planned business activities is dependent upon its successful efforts to raise additional capital and grant income.

The current macro-economic environment of decades-high inflation and concerns about an economic recession in the United States or other major markets has resulted in, among other things, volatility in the capital markets that may have the effect of reducing the Company's ability to access capital, which could in the future negatively affect the Company's liquidity. In addition, a recession or market correction due to these factors could materially affect the Company's business and the value of its common stock.

NOTE 4: SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Principles of Consolidation

These consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Marker Cell Therapy, Inc. and GeneMax Pharmaceuticals Inc. – a dormant subsidiary that wholly owns GeneMax Pharmaceuticals Canada, Inc. All significant intercompany balances and transactions are eliminated upon consolidation.

Use of Estimates

Preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of expenses during the reporting period. Accordingly, actual results may differ materially from those estimates. Management considers many factors in selecting appropriate financial accounting policies, controls, and in developing the estimates and assumptions that are used in the preparation of these financial statements. Management must apply significant judgment in this process. In addition, other factors may affect estimates, including expected business and operational changes, sensitivity and volatility associated with the assumptions used in developing estimates, and whether historical trends are expected to be representative of future trends. The estimation process often may yield a range of potentially reasonable estimates of the ultimate future outcomes, and management must select an amount that falls within that range of reasonable estimates. Estimates are used in the following areas, among others: stock-based compensation expense and income taxes.

Cash, Cash Equivalents and Credit Risk

The Company considers highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents at March 31, 2024 consisted of cash and certificates of deposit in institutions in the United States. Balances at certain institutions have exceeded Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insured limits and U.S. government agency securities.

The Company maintains cash in accounts which are in excess of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") insured limits of \$250,000. As of March 31, 2024, the Company had approximately \$1.4 million in cash at financial institutions and approximately \$9.9 million in U.S. government agency securities, for aggregate cash and cash equivalents of \$11.3 million. As of December 31, 2023, the Company had approximately \$1.4 million in cash at financial institutions and approximately \$13.7 million in U.S. government agency securities, for aggregate cash and cash equivalents of \$15.1 million.

In the event cash is received from grants in advance of incurring qualifying costs, it is recorded as restricted cash until it is earned and recorded to grant income.

Discontinued Operations

The Purchased Assets sold to Cell Ready pursuant to the Cell Ready Purchase Agreement constituted a significant disposition and as such, the Company concluded that the disposition of its Purchased Assets represented a strategic shift that had a major effect on its operations and financial results. Therefore, the Purchased Assets, related party revenue, service revenue and related expenses are classified as discontinued operations for all periods presented herein. See Note 7 for further information.

Recently Issued Accounting Standards Not Yet Adopted

Improvements to Reportable Segment Disclosures

In November 2023, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the "FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2023-07, Segment Reporting (Topic 280): Improvements to Reportable Segment Disclosures. The ASU requires disclosures to include significant segment expenses that are regularly provided to the chief operating decision maker, among other provisions. The ASU is effective for fiscal year periods beginning after December 15, 2023, and interim periods within fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2024. Early adoption is permitted and the ASU requires retrospective application to all prior periods presented in the financial statements. The Company is currently evaluating the standard to determine the impact of adoption to its consolidated financial statements and disclosures.

Improvements to Income Tax Disclosures

In December 2023, the FASB issued ASU No. 2023-09, Income Taxes (Topic 740): Improvements to Income Tax Disclosures (ASU 2023-09), which improves the transparency of income tax disclosures by requiring consistent categories and greater disaggregation of information in the effective tax rate reconciliation and income taxes paid disaggregated by jurisdiction. It also includes certain other amendments to improve the effectiveness of income tax disclosures. This guidance will be effective for the annual periods beginning the year ended December 31, 2025. Early adoption is permitted. Upon adoption the guidance can be applied prospectively or retrospectively. We do not expect the adoption of this guidance to have a material impact on its consolidated financial statements.

From time to time, new accounting pronouncements are issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) or other standard setting bodies that the Company adopts as of the specified effective date. Unless otherwise discussed, the Company does not believe that the impact of recently issued standards that are not yet effective will have a material impact on its consolidated financial position or results of operations upon adoption.

There have been no material changes in the Company’s significant accounting policies to those previously disclosed in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023 filed on March 26, 2024.

NOTE 5: NET LOSS PER SHARE

Basic loss per common share is computed by dividing net loss by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the reporting period. Diluted loss per common share is computed similarly to basic loss per common share except that it reflects the potential dilution that could occur if dilutive securities or other obligations to issue common stock were exercised or converted into common stock.

The following table sets forth the computation of net loss per share for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively:

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2024	2023
Numerator:		
Loss from continuing operations	\$ (2,392,822)	\$ (4,224,825)
Loss from discontinued operations	\$ —	\$ (742,751)
Net loss	<u>\$ (2,392,822)</u>	<u>\$ (4,967,576)</u>
Denominator:		
Weighted average common shares outstanding, basic	8,901,962	8,721,031
Weighted average common shares outstanding, diluted	8,901,962	8,721,031
Net earnings (loss) per share:		
Loss from continuing operations, basic and diluted	<u>\$ (0.27)</u>	<u>\$ (0.48)</u>
Loss from discontinued operations, basic and diluted	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ (0.09)</u>
Net loss per share, basic and diluted	<u>\$ (0.27)</u>	<u>\$ (0.57)</u>

The following securities, rounded to the nearest thousand, were not included in the diluted net loss per share calculation because their effect was anti-dilutive for the periods presented:

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2024	2023
Common stock options	639,000	1,297,000
Common stock purchase warrants	—	1,848,000
Potentially dilutive securities	<u>639,000</u>	<u>3,145,000</u>

NOTE 6: OTHER RECEIVABLE

Qualifying grant income earned in advance of cash received from grants is recognized as revenue and recorded as other receivable. The Company recorded \$0.8 million and \$1.2 million of grant income related to the CPRIT grant for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. At March 31, 2024, the Company recorded \$1.2 million of grant income receivable related to the CPRIT grant.

Additionally, the Company recorded \$0.3 million and \$0.2 million of grant income related to the FDA and SBIR grants, respectively, for the three months ended March 31, 2024. At March 31, 2024, the Company recorded \$0.3 million and \$0.2 million of grant income receivable related to the FDA and SBIR grants, respectively.

The Company received \$0.3 million and \$0.2 million of funds from FDA and SBIR in April 2024, respectively.

NOTE 7: DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

As discussed in Note 1, on June 26, 2023, the Company completed the previously announced transaction with Cell Ready for cash consideration of \$19.0 million, resulting in derecognition of the Purchased Assets and a gain on sale of approximately \$8.7 million, net of \$63,000 in tax. There were no remaining assets and liabilities classified in discontinued operations as of March 31, 2024 or December 31, 2023.

The Company had no activity related to discontinued operations for the three months ended March 31, 2024. Net loss from discontinued operations for the three months ended March 31, 2023, was as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2023
Revenues:	
Related party service revenue	\$ 3,500,000
Total revenues	3,500,000
Operating expenses:	
Research and development	3,894,245
General and administrative	348,506
Total operating expenses	4,242,751
Loss from discontinued operations	\$ (742,751)

The following table summarizes our cash flows related to discontinued operations for the three months ended March 31, 2023:

	For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2023
Discontinued operations	
Net cash used in operating activities	(2,790,000)
Net cash used in investing activities	(113,000)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents from discontinued operations	\$ (2,903,000)

Related Party Service Revenue

In April 2022, the Company entered into a binding services agreement (“Wilson Wolf Agreement”) with Wilson Wolf Manufacturing Corporation (“Wilson Wolf”). Mr. John Wilson is a member of the Company’s board of directors and is serving as the CEO of Wilson Wolf. Wilson Wolf is in the business of creating products and services intended to simplify and expedite the transition of cell therapies and gene-modified cell therapies to mainstream society (the “Wilson Wolf Mission”). Pursuant to the Wilson Wolf Agreement, Wilson Wolf made a cash payment to the Company in the amount of \$8.0 million, as consideration for certain training and research services.

In March 2023, the Company recognized the final \$2.5 million of revenue pursuant to this \$8.0 million agreement and an additional \$1.0 million because certain agreed milestones were met. The additional \$1.0 million of service fee revenue recognized during the three months ended March 31, 2023 was received in May 2023.

NOTE 8: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, ACCRUED LIABILITIES AND RELATED PARTY PAYABLE

Accounts payable, accrued liabilities, and related party payable consist of the following as of March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively:

	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
Accounts payable	\$ 1,202,000	\$ 961,000
Compensation and benefits	57,000	57,000
Professional fees	297,000	303,000
Related party payable	354,000	1,330,000
Property taxes	65,000	116,000
Other taxes payable	126,000	103,000
Other	203,000	205,000
Total accounts payable, accrued liabilities and related party payable	<u>\$ 2,304,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,075,000</u>

The \$0.4 million and \$1.3 million related-party payable as of March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, respectively, reflects amounts payable to Cell Ready for outsourced product development and manufacturing services. See Note 13: Related Party Transactions.

NOTE 9: STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY***Reverse Stock Split***

On January 26, 2023, the Company effected the Reverse Stock Split and a corresponding reduction in the total number of authorized shares of its common stock from 300,000,000 to 30,000,000. The Reverse Stock Split, which was approved by stockholders at an annual stockholder meeting on May 24, 2022, was consummated pursuant to a Certificate of Amendment filed with the Secretary of State of Delaware on January 26, 2023. The Reverse Stock Split was effective on January 26, 2023. All historical share and per share amounts reflected in this report have been adjusted to reflect the Reverse Stock Split.

Common Stock Transactions***Issuance of Stock Pursuant to ATM Agreement***

The Company did not issue any common stock under the ATM Agreement for the three months ended March 31, 2024. During the three months ended March 31, 2023, the Company sold 200,261 shares of its common stock under the ATM Agreement for proceeds of \$0.6 million.

Stock Purchase Agreement

In December 2022, the Company entered into a purchase agreement (the "Purchase Agreement") with Lincoln Park which provides that, upon the terms and subject to the conditions of the agreement, the Company has the right, but not the obligation, to sell to Lincoln Park up to \$25,000,000 of shares of its common stock (the "Purchase Shares") from time to time over a 24-month term, at a variable price with certain market-based terms as defined in the Purchase Agreement. The Purchase Agreement does not exhibit any of the characteristics for liability classification under ASC Topic 480, Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity. Instead, the purchase agreement is indexed to the Company's own stock under ASC Subtopic 815-40, *Contracts in Entity's Own Equity*, and classified as equity. In January 2023, Lincoln Park was issued 180,410 shares of stock as a commitment fee at a value of \$0.5 million. During the three months ended March 31, 2023, the Company sold 12,500 shares of its common stock under the Purchase Agreement for proceeds of approximately \$33,000. The Company terminated the Purchase Agreement with Lincoln Park on February 29, 2024 effective March 1, 2024.

Exercise of Stock Options

During the three months ended March 31, 2024, certain outstanding options were exercised for 19,497 shares of common stock, providing aggregate proceeds to the Company of approximately \$49,000.

NOTE 10: STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

Stock Options

2024 Equity Incentive Awards

There were no equity incentive awards issued during the three months ended March 31, 2024.

A summary of the Company's stock option activity for the three months ended March 31, 2024 is as follows:

	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Total Intrinsic Value	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (in years)
Outstanding as of January 1, 2024	737,895	\$ 25.42	\$ 1,317,000	7.6
Exercised	(19,497)	2.52	—	—
Canceled/Expired	(79,196)	52.95	—	—
Outstanding as of March 31, 2024	639,202	\$ 22.71	\$ 720,000	7.5
Options vested and exercisable	329,916	\$ 41.17	\$ 113,000	6.2

The following table sets forth stock-based compensation expenses recorded during the respective periods:

	For the Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2024	2023
Stock Compensation expenses:		
Research and development	\$ 6,000	\$ 151,000
General and administrative	73,000	221,000
Stock compensation in continuing operations	79,000	372,000
Stock compensation in discontinued operations	—	288,000
Total stock compensation expenses	\$ 79,000	\$ 660,000

As of March 31, 2024, the total stock-based compensation cost related to unvested awards not yet recognized was \$0.3 million. The expected weighted average period compensation costs to be recognized was approximately 1.8 years. Future option grants will impact the compensation expense recognized.

NOTE 11: GRANT INCOME

CPRIT

In August 2021, the Company received notice of a Product Development Research award totaling approximately \$13.1 million from CPRIT to support the Company's clinical investigation of MT-401.

If restricted cash received from grants in advance of incurring qualifying costs, it is recorded as deferred revenue and recognized as revenue when qualifying costs are incurred. There was no restricted cash recorded as of March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023. If qualifying grant income is earned in advance of cash received from grants, it is recognized as revenue and recorded as other receivable.

The Company recorded \$0.8 million and \$1.2 million of grant income related to the CPRIT grant as revenue for the three months ended March 31, 2024, and 2023, respectively. As of March 31, 2024, the Company recorded \$1.2 million as other receivable, which represented grant income earned in advance of funds to be received from CPRIT.

FDA

In September 2022, the Company received notice from the FDA that it had awarded the Company a \$2.0 million grant from the FDA's Orphan Products Grant program to support the Company's clinical investigation of MT-401 for the treatment of post-transplant AML. The Company recorded \$0.3 million and \$0.1 million of grant income related to the FDA grant as revenue for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and March 31, 2023, respectively. As of March 31, 2024, the Company recorded \$0.3 million as other receivable, which represented grant income earned in advance of funds to be received from the FDA. In April 2024, the Company received \$0.3 million of funds from the FDA grant.

SBIR

In May 2023, the Company announced it had received a \$2.0 million grant from the National Institutes of Health Small Business Innovation Research program to support the development and investigation of MT-401 for the treatment of AML patients following standard-of-care therapy with hypomethylating agents. The Company recorded \$0.2 million of grant income related to the SBIR grant as revenue for the three months ended March 31, 2024. As of March 31, 2024, the Company recorded \$0.2 million as other receivable, which represented grant income earned in advance of funds to be received from the SBIR. In April 2024, the Company received \$0.2 million of funds from the SBIR grant.

NOTE 12: LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

From time to time, the Company may be party to ordinary, routine litigation incidental to their business. The Company knows of no material, active or pending legal proceedings against the Company, nor is the Company involved as a plaintiff in any material proceeding or pending litigation. There are no proceedings in which any of the Company's directors, officers or affiliates, or any registered or beneficial shareholder, is an adverse party or has a material interest adverse to the Company's interest.

NOTE 13: RELATED PARTY EXPENSES

The following table sets forth related party transaction expenses recorded for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

	For the Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	
	2024	2023
Baylor College of Medicine	\$ —	\$ 11,000
Cell Ready	1,186,000	—
Wilson Wolf Manufacturing Corporation	—	204,000
Total Research and development	<u>\$ 1,186,000</u>	<u>\$ 215,000</u>

\$0.4 million of related party transactions are included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities as of March 31, 2024. See Note 8 for additional information.

Agreements with The Baylor College of Medicine ("BCM")

In November 2018, January 2020 and February 2020, the Company entered in Sponsored Research Agreements with BCM, which provided for the conduct of research for the Company by credentialed personnel at BCM's Center for Cell and Gene Therapy.

In September 2019, May 2020 and July 2021, the Company entered into Clinical Supply Agreements with BCM, which provided for BCM to provide to the Company multi tumor antigen specific products.

In October 2019, the Company entered in a Workforce Grant Agreement with BCM, which provided for BCM to provide to the Company manpower costs of projects for manufacturing, quality control testing and validation run activities.

In August 2020, the Company entered into a Clinical Trial Agreement with BCM, which provided for BCM to provide to the Company investigator-initiated research studies.

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The Company has also entered into a Clinical Site Agreement with BCM, which provided for BCM to conduct clinical trials for the Company and is a part of continuing operations.

BCM owns shares of the Company's common stock.

Purchases from Wilson Wolf

In 2023, the Company utilized Wilson Wolf for the purchases of cell culture devices called G-Rexes. Mr. John Wilson is a member of the Company's board of directors and is serving as the CEO of Wilson Wolf Manufacturing Corporation.

Purchases from Cell Ready, LLC

The Company is currently utilizing Cell Ready, LLC for its clinical manufacturing supply and product development. Mr. John Wilson is a member of the Company's board of directors and is serving as the CEO of Cell Ready, LLC. On February 22, 2024, we entered into a Master Services Agreement for Product Supply (the "MSA") with Cell Ready. Cell Ready, which is owned by one of our directors and shareholders, Mr. John Wilson, is a contract development and manufacturing organization (CDMO). Under the MSA, it is anticipated Cell Ready will perform a wide variety of services for us, including research and development, and manufacturing in support of our clinical trials. Pursuant to the MSA, the Company may contract with Cell Ready for the provision of various products and services from time to time by entering into work orders with Cell Ready. If the services involve the supply of product, Cell Ready is required to supply such product in conformance with the product requirements set forth in the applicable work order(s). Under the MSA, Cell Ready is to use only personnel with sufficient qualifications and experience to supply the services contemplated by the MSA, provide its personnel with adequate training and assume full responsibility for its personnel's compliance with the MSA. Further, Cell Ready is required to provide the Company with assistance and cooperation in order for the Company to obtain and maintain all necessary regulatory approvals, at the Company's expense.

During the three months ended March 31, 2024, the Company entered into Work Order #1 under the MSA, pursuant to which Cell Ready agreed to provide the Company with GMP drug product for Marker MT-401 and/or MT-601. The services include the delivery of final drug product and quality control testing. The Company also requested Cell Ready to provide general support services in connection therewith. During the three months ended March 31, 2024, the Company incurred \$1.2 million in expenses related to the services and manufacturing costs and paid \$2.2 million for invoices received. Additional Work Orders are expected to be generated for the remainder of 2024.

NOTE 14: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In April 2024, the Company sold 8,178 shares of its common stock under the ATM Agreement resulting in net proceeds of \$0.04 million, after deducting agent commissions.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, that involve risks and uncertainties. All statements other than statements relating to historical matters including statements to the effect that we “believe”, “expect”, “anticipate”, “plan”, “target”, “intend” and similar expressions should be considered forward-looking statements. Our actual results could differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements as a result of a number of important factors, including factors discussed in this section and elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, and the risks discussed in our other filings with the SEC. Such risks and uncertainties may be amplified by the COVID-19 pandemic and its potential impact on our business and the global economy. Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which reflect management’s analysis, judgment, belief, or expectation only as the date hereof. We assume no obligation to update these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstance that arise after the date hereof.

As used in this quarterly report: (i) the terms “we”, “us”, “our”, “Marker” and the “Company” mean Marker Therapeutics, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiaries, Marker Cell Therapy, Inc. and GeneMax Pharmaceuticals Inc. which wholly owns GeneMax Pharmaceuticals Canada Inc., unless the context otherwise requires; (ii) “SEC” refers to the Securities and Exchange Commission; (iii) “Securities Act” refers to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended; (iv) “Exchange Act” refers to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended; and (v) all dollar amounts refer to United States dollars unless otherwise indicated.

The following should be read in conjunction with our unaudited condensed consolidated interim financial statements and related notes included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Company Overview

We are a clinical-stage immuno-oncology company specializing in the development and commercialization of novel T cell-based immunotherapies for the treatment of hematological malignancies and solid tumor indications. We developed our lead product candidates from our multi tumor associated antigen (“multiTAA”)-specific T cell technology, which is based on the manufacture of non-engineered, tumor-specific T cells that recognize multiple tumor-associated antigens, or TAAs. This approach selectively expands tumor-specific T cells from a patient’s/donor’s blood and is able to recognize multiple tumor targets to produce broad spectrum anti-tumor activity. Targeting multiple antigens simultaneously exploits the natural capacity of T cells to recognize and kill tumor targets via native T cell receptors (“TCR”), while limiting tumor adaptation/escape by antigen-negative selection or antigen down-regulation. When infused into a patient with cancer, the multiTAA-specific T cells are designed to kill cancer cells expressing the TAA and potentially recruit the patient’s immune system to participate in the cancer killing process.

We licensed the underlying technology for multiTAA-specific T cell therapy from Baylor College of Medicine, or BCM, in March 2018. BCM had utilized the therapy in seven exploratory clinical trials. In these studies, BCM treated over 150 patients suffering from a variety of cancers including lymphoma, multiple myeloma, acute myeloid leukemia, or AML, acute lymphoblastic leukemia, or ALL, pancreatic cancer, breast cancer and various sarcomas. In those studies, BCM saw evidence of clinical benefit, expansion of infused cells, and decreased toxicity compared to other cellular therapies.

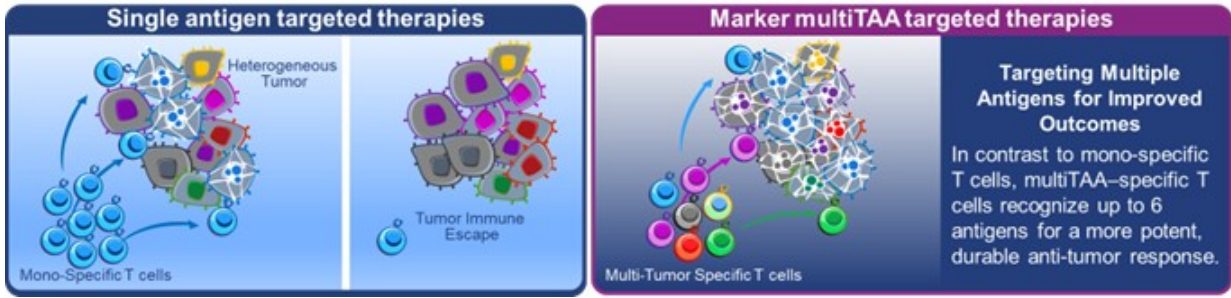
We are advancing two product candidates for 3 clinical indications as part of our multiTAA-specific T cell program for:

- Autologous multiTAA product for the treatment of lymphoma and pancreatic cancer (MT-601)
- Off-the-Shelf (OTS) product in various indications (e.g., MT-401-OTS)

We do not genetically engineer our multiTAA-specific T cell therapies and we believe that our product candidates are superior to T cells engineered with chimeric antigen receptors, or CAR-T, for several reasons including:

- Multiple targets → enhanced tumoricidal effect → minimized tumor immune escape
- Clinical safety → no treatment-related side effects, including cytokine release syndrome (CRS) or other severe adverse effects (SAEs), were attributed to the use of multiTAA-specific T cell therapies to date

- Non-genetically engineered T cell products → selective expansion of tumor-specific T cells from a patient’s or donor’s blood capable of recognizing a broad range of tumor antigens → no risk of mutagenesis and reduced manufacturing complexity → lower cost



For these reasons, we believe our endogenous T cell receptor-based therapies may provide meaningful clinical benefit and safety to patients with both hematological and solid tumors.

We believe that the simplicity of our manufacturing process allows additional modifications to expand multiTAA-specific T cell recognition of cancer targets. For example, we are assessing the potential of combining multiTAA-specific T cell products with other products.

On April 8, 2024, we issued a press release announcing that Geoffrey Shouse, D.O., Ph.D., the Principal Investigator at City of Hope National Medical Center in Duarte, CA, was invited to present his clinical experience from the APOLLO study at the 11th Global Summit on Hematologic Malignancies in Whistler, BC, Canada (April 2-7, 2024). Dr. Shouse provided an overview on the clinical observations obtained at City of Hope on Saturday, April 6, 2024 and reported that study participants tolerated initial dose level well and demonstrated durable objective responses after MT-601 treatment.

Pipeline

Our clinical-stage pipeline is set forth below:

HEMATOLOGIC MALIGNANCIES

INDICATION	PRECLINICAL	IND	PHASE 1	PHASE 2
Lymphoma Patient-specific	MT-601			
AML Off-the-Shelf (OTS)	MT-401-OTS			

SOLID TUMORS

INDICATION	PRECLINICAL	IND	PHASE 1	PHASE 2
Pancreatic Cancer Patient-specific	MT-601			

Recent Developments

On February 22, 2024, we entered into a Master Services Agreement for Product Supply (the “MSA”) with Cell Ready LLC (“Cell Ready”) to provide services previously performed by the company until the disposition of its contract development and manufacturing operations. Cell Ready, which is owned by one of our directors and shareholders, Mr. John Wilson, is a contract development and manufacturing organization (CDMO).

Pursuant to the MSA, the Company may contract with Cell Ready for the provision of various products and services from time to time by entering into work orders with Cell Ready. If the services involve the supply of product, Cell Ready is required to supply such product in conformance with the product requirements set forth in the applicable work order(s). The MSA contains customary representations, warranties and indemnification provision. The initial term of the MSA is three years and may be extended upon the mutual written agreement of the parties. Either party may terminate the MSA (a) for material breach by the other party if such breach has not been cured within 30 days following notice of termination or (b) if the other party is the subject of an insolvency event.

Under the MSA, Cell Ready is to use only personnel with sufficient qualifications and experience to supply the services contemplated by the MSA, provide its personnel with adequate training and assume full responsibility for its personnel’s compliance with the MSA. Further, Cell Ready is required to provide the Company with assistance and cooperation in order for the Company to obtain and maintain all necessary regulatory approvals, at the Company’s expense.

With regard to intellectual property, the MSA provides that each party will solely and exclusively own all right, title and interest in and to their Background IP and all inventions derived from such background IP (such invention being referred to as Foreground IP). Background IP means all intellectual property either (a) owned or controlled by a party prior to the effective date of the MSA or (b) developed or acquired by a party independently from performance under the MSA without the use of, reliance on, or access to the other parties confidential information. Furthermore, pursuant to the MSA, Cell Ready grants to the Company a non-exclusive, perpetual, irrevocable, transferable, assignable, fully-paid up, royalty-free, worldwide license to and under any of Cell Ready’s Background IP and Foreground IP to the extent they are incorporated or embedded in any deliverables provided to the Company or in the process of generating or manufacturing such deliverables and reasonably necessary or useful for the Company to make, have made, manufacture, have manufactured, use, have used, offer for sale, sell, import, and otherwise exploit such deliverables. The Company grants to Cell Ready until the termination or expiry of any applicable Work Order and for a period not exceeding the term of the MSA, a non-exclusive, fully paid-up, non-transferable, non-sublicensable limited license under and to the Company’s Background IP made available to Cell Ready pursuant to a Work Order solely to the extent required for Cell Ready to provide the services under such Work Order.

During the three months ended March 31, 2024, the Company incurred \$1.2 million is expenses related to the services and manufacturing costs, and paid \$2.2 million related to invoices received. Additional Work Orders are expected to be generated for the remainder of 2024.

The above description of the MSA does not purport to be complete and is qualified in their entirety by reference to the full text of the MSA and Work Oder #1, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibits 10.8 and 10.9 and are incorporated herein by reference. The MSA has been filed as an exhibit to the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on March 26, 2024, to provide investors with information regarding the terms of the MSA and is not intended to modify or supplement any factual disclosures about the Company in its public reports filed with the SEC. In particular, the MSA is not intended to be, and should not be relied upon as, disclosure regarding any facts and circumstances relating to the Company. The representations, warranties, and covenants contained in the MSA have been made solely for the purposes of the MSA and as of specific dates; were solely for the benefit of the parties to the MSA; are not intended as statements of fact to be relied upon by the parties’ shareholders; may no longer be true as of a given date; and may apply standards of materiality in a way that is different from what may be viewed as material by shareholders. Security holders are not third-party beneficiaries under the MSA and should not rely on the representations, warranties, and covenants or any descriptions thereof as characterizations of any actual state of facts or of the condition of the Company.

Organizational Changes

In 2023, the Company implemented changes to its organizational structure due to the transaction with Cell Ready and to reduce operational costs. In connection with these changes, the Company reduced headcount, including the separation of its former Chief Executive Officer, Peter Hoang, in May 2023 and its former Chief Accounting Officer, Michael Loiacono, in June 2023. During the second quarter of 2023, the Company recorded \$0.9 million of severance and termination-related costs. The payments of these costs

were completed in July of 2023. Effective May 1, 2023, the Company's board of directors appointed Dr. Juan Vera as the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer.

Effective June 30, 2023, the board of directors appointed Eliot M. Lurier as the Company's Interim Chief Financial Officer, whereby Mr. Lurier provided consulting services to the Company pursuant to a consulting between the Company and Danforth Advisors, LLC ("Danforth") and received no compensation directly from the Company. On November 17, 2023, the Company terminated the consulting agreement between the Company and Danforth, effective January 16, 2024.

On November 17, 2023, Mr. Lurier ceased serving as the Company's Interim Chief Financial Officer and Dr. Vera was appointed as the Company's Principal Financial and Accounting Officer.

Reverse Stock Split

On January 26, 2023, the Company effected a one-for-ten (1-for-10) reverse stock split of its common stock (the "Reverse Stock Split") and a corresponding reduction in the total number of authorized shares of its common stock from 300,000,000 to 30,000,000. The Reverse Stock Split, which was approved by stockholders at an annual stockholder meeting on May 24, 2022, was consummated pursuant to a Certificate of Amendment filed with the Secretary of State of Delaware on January 26, 2023. The Reverse Stock Split was effective on January 26, 2023. All references to common stock, warrants to purchase common stock, options to purchase common stock, share data, per share data and related information contained in the consolidated financial statements have been retrospectively adjusted to reflect the effect of the Reverse Stock Split for all periods presented.

Results of Operations

In this discussion of our results of operations and financial condition, amounts in financial tables, other than per-share amounts, have been rounded to the nearest thousand.

Comparison of the Three months Ended March 31, 2024 and 2023

The following table summarizes the results of our continuing operations for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023:

	For the Three Months Ended		Change	
	March 31,			
	2024	2023		
Revenues:				
Grant income	\$ 1,244,000	\$ 1,234,000	\$ 10,000	1 %
Total revenues	<u>1,244,000</u>	<u>1,234,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>1 %</u>
Operating expenses:				
Research and development	2,575,000	3,376,000	(801,000)	(24)%
General and administrative	1,218,000	2,167,000	(949,000)	(44)%
Total operating expenses	<u>3,793,000</u>	<u>5,543,000</u>	<u>(1,750,000)</u>	<u>(32)%</u>
Loss from operations	(2,549,000)	(4,309,000)	1,760,000	(41)%
Other income (expenses):				
Interest income	156,000	85,000	71,000	84 %
Loss from continuing operations	<u>\$ (2,393,000)</u>	<u>(4,224,000)</u>	<u>\$ 1,831,000</u>	<u>(43)%</u>

Revenue

We did not generate any revenue during the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, from the sales or licensing of our product candidates.

In August 2021, we received notice of a Product Development Research award totaling approximately \$13.1 million from the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas ("CPRIT") to support the clinical investigation of MT-401. During the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023, we recognized \$0.8 million and \$1.2 million of revenue, respectively, associated with the CPRIT grant.

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In September 2022, we received notice from the FDA that it had awarded us a \$2.0 million grant from the FDA's Orphan Products Grant program to support the clinical investigation of MT-401 for the treatment of post-transplant AML. During the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023, we recognized \$0.3 million and \$0.1 million of revenue, respectively associated with the FDA grant.

In May 2023, we received notice of a \$2.0 million grant from the National Institutes of Health Small Business Innovation Research ("SBIR") program to support the development and investigation of MT-401 for the treatment of AML patients following standard-of-care therapy with hypomethylating agents. During the three months ended March 31, 2024 we recognized \$0.2 million of revenue associated with the SBIR grant.

All funding agencies have agreed to continue their financial support and to shift funds to the MT-401-OTS program.

Operating Expenses

Operating expenses incurred during the three months ended March 31, 2024 were \$3.8 million compared to \$5.5 million during the same period ended March 31, 2023.

Significant changes and expenditures in operating expenses are outlined as follows:

Research and Development Expenses

Research and development expenses decreased by 24% to \$2.6 million for the three months ended March 31, 2024, compared to \$3.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2023.

The decrease of \$0.8 million in 2024 was primarily attributable to the following:

- decrease of \$0.7 million in process development expenses,
- decrease of \$0.8 million in clinical trial expenses,
- decrease of \$0.6 million in headcount-related expenses, offset by
- increase of \$0.1 million in other expenses, and
- increase of \$1.2 million in Cell Ready (outsourced) clinical manufacturing costs and process development expenses.

General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative expenses decreased by 44% to \$1.2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2024, compared to \$2.2 million during the same period ended March 31, 2023.

The decrease of \$1.0 million in 2024 was primarily attributable to the following:

- decrease of \$0.4 million in headcount-related expenses, including stock-based compensation expense,
- decrease of \$0.4 million in legal and professional fees,
- decrease of \$0.1 million in insurance expense, and
- decrease of \$0.1 million in other expenses.

Other Income (Expense)

Interest Income

Interest income was \$0.2 million and \$0.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and was attributable to interest income relating to funds that are held in U.S. Treasury notes and U.S. government agency-backed securities.

Net Loss from continuing operations

The decrease in our net loss from continuing operations during the three months ended March 31, 2024 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2023 was primarily due to cost reductions in our research and development activities, as well as cost reductions in general and administrative expenses. We anticipate that we will continue to incur net losses in the future as we continue to invest in research and development activities, including clinical development of our multiTAA T cell product candidates.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

We have not generated any revenues from the sales or licensing of our product candidates since inception and only have limited revenue associated with grants to fund research. We have financed our operations primarily through public and private offerings of our stock and debt including warrants and the exercise thereof, grants, and more recently through the cash proceeds received from the Cell Ready transaction and additional grants to fund research.

Cash and Working Capital

The following table sets forth our cash and cash equivalents and working capital as of March 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023:

	March 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 11,323,000	\$ 15,111,000
Working capital	\$ 11,788,000	\$ 14,053,000

Cash Flows

The following table summarizes our cash flows for the three months ended March 31, 2024 and 2023:

	For the three Months Ended March 31,	
	2024	2023
Continuing operations:		
Net cash used in operating activities	\$ (3,837,000)	\$ (3,098,000)
Net cash provided by financing activities	49,000	620,000
Discontinued operations		
Net cash used in operating activities	—	(2,790,000)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	\$ —	\$ (113,000)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ (3,788,000)</u>	<u>\$ (5,381,000)</u>

Continuing Operations

Operating Activities

Net cash used in operating activities from continuing operations during the three months ended March 31, 2024 was \$3.8 million. The use of cash primarily related to our net loss from continuing operations of \$2.4 million offset by \$0.1 million of non-cash stock-based compensation, and a \$1.5 million decrease from changes in assets and liabilities.

Net cash used in operating activities from continuing operations during the three months ended March 31, 2023 was \$3.1 million. The use of cash primarily related to our net loss from continuing operations of \$4.2 million offset by \$0.7 million of non-cash stock-based compensation, and further offset by a \$0.4 million increase from changes in assets and liabilities.

Financing Activities

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$0.1 million and \$0.6 million during the three months ended March 31, 2024 and March 31, 2023, respectively, due to the net proceeds from sale of common stock as well as the exercise of stock options.

Discontinued Operations

Operating Activities

Net cash used in operating activities from discontinued operations during the three months ended March 31, 2023 was \$2.8 million, which was comprised of \$0.7 million of net loss and \$2.1 million of cash used for other operating activities.

Investing Activities

Net cash used in investing activities from discontinued operations during the three months ended March 31, 2023 was \$0.1 million, which related to capital expenditures for lab equipment.

Future Capital Requirements

To date, we have not generated any revenues from the commercial sale of approved drug products, and we do not expect to generate substantial revenue for at least the next several years. If we fail to complete the development of our product candidates in a timely manner or fail to obtain their regulatory approval, our ability to generate future revenue will be compromised. We do not know when, or if, we will generate any revenue from our product candidates, and we do not expect to generate significant revenue unless and until we obtain regulatory approval of, and commercialize, our product candidates. We expect our expenses to increase in connection with our ongoing activities, particularly as we continue the research and development of, continue or initiate clinical trials of and seek marketing approval for our product candidates. In addition, if we obtain approval for any of our product candidates, we expect to incur significant commercialization expenses related to sales, marketing, manufacturing and distribution. We anticipate that we will need substantial additional funding in connection with our continuing operations. If we are unable to raise capital when needed or on attractive terms, we could be forced to delay, reduce or eliminate our research and development programs or future commercialization efforts.

In August 2021, the Company received notice of a Product Development Research award totaling approximately \$13.1 million from the CPRIT to support the Company's clinical investigation of MT-401. Through the date of this filing, the Company has received \$6.9 million of funds from the CPRIT grant. The Company recorded \$0.8 million of grant income related to the CPRIT grant as revenue during the three months ended March 31, 2024 and at March 31, 2024, the Company recorded \$1.2 million of grant income receivable.

On September 13, 2022, the Company received notice from the FDA that it had awarded the Company a \$2.0 million grant from the FDA's Orphan Products Grant program to support the clinical investigation of MT-401 for the treatment of post-transplant AML. Through the date of this filing, the Company has received \$0.8 million from the FDA grant. The Company recorded \$0.3 million of grant income related to the FDA grant as revenue during the three months ended March 31, 2024 and at March 31, 2024, the Company recorded \$0.3 million of grant income receivable. In April 2024, the Company received \$0.3 million of funds from the FDA grant.

In May 2023, the Company announced that it had received a \$2.0 million grant from the National Institutes of Health Small Business Innovation Research ("SBIR") program to support the development and investigation of MT-401 for the treatment of AML patients following standard-of-care therapy with hypomethylating agents. Through the date of this filing, the Company has received \$0.4 million from SBIR. The Company recorded \$0.2 million of grant income related to the SBIR grant as revenue during the three months ended March 31, 2024 and at March 31, 2024, the Company recorded \$0.2 million of grant income receivable. In April 2024, the Company received \$0.2 million of funds from the SBIR grant.

All funding agencies have agreed to continue their financial support and to shift funds to the MT-401-OTS program.

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As of March 31, 2024, we had working capital of \$11.8 million, compared to working capital of \$14.1 million as of December 31, 2023, and as of March 31, 2024 we had cash and cash equivalents of \$11.3 million compared to \$15.1 million as of December 31, 2023. Operating expenses incurred during the three months ended March 31, 2024 were \$3.8 million compared to \$5.5 million during the equivalent prior year period. Based on our clinical plans and our timing expectations related to the progress of our programs, we expect that, together with drawdowns of available grant funds, our cash and cash equivalents as of March 31, 2024 will enable us to fund our operating expenses and capital expenditure requirements into the fourth quarter of 2025. We have based this estimate on assumptions that may prove to be wrong, and we could utilize our available capital resources sooner than we currently expect. Furthermore, our operating plan may change, and we may need additional funds sooner than planned in order to meet operational needs and capital requirements for product development and commercialization. Because of the numerous risks and uncertainties associated with the development and commercialization of our product candidates and the extent to which we may enter into additional collaborations with third parties to participate in their development and commercialization, we are unable to estimate the amounts of increased capital outlays and operating expenditures associated with our current and anticipated clinical trials. Our future funding requirements will depend on many factors, as we:

- initiate or continue clinical trials of our product candidates;
- continue the research and development of our product candidates and seek to discover additional product candidates; seek regulatory approvals for our product candidates if they successfully complete clinical trials;
- continue development of our manufacturing capabilities and our manufacturing facility;
- establish sales, marketing and distribution infrastructure and scale-up manufacturing capabilities to commercialize any product candidates that may receive regulatory approval;
- evaluate strategic transactions we may undertake; and
- enhance operational, financial and information management systems and hire additional personnel, including personnel to support development of our product candidates and, if a product candidate is approved, our commercialization efforts.

Because all of our product candidates are in the early stages of clinical and preclinical development and the outcome of these efforts is uncertain, we cannot estimate the actual amounts necessary to successfully complete the development and commercialization of product candidates or whether, or when, we may achieve profitability. Until such time, if ever, that we can generate substantial product revenue, we expect to finance our cash needs through a combination of equity or debt financings and collaboration arrangements.

We plan to continue to fund our operations and capital funding needs through equity and/or debt financing. We may also consider new collaborations or selectively partner our technology. To the extent that we raise additional capital through the sale of equity or convertible debt securities, the ownership interests of our stockholders will be diluted, and the terms may include liquidation or other preferences that adversely affect the rights of our existing stockholders' common stock. The incurrence of indebtedness would result in increased fixed payment obligations and could involve certain restrictive covenants, such as limitations on our ability to incur additional debt, limitations on our ability to acquire or license intellectual property rights and other operating restrictions that could adversely impact our ability to conduct our business. If we raise additional funds through strategic partnerships and alliances and licensing arrangements with third parties, we may have to relinquish valuable rights to our technologies or product candidates or grant licenses on terms unfavorable to us. We may also be required to pay damages or have liabilities associated with litigation or other legal proceedings involving our company.

In addition to the foregoing, high inflation and concerns about an economic recession in the United States or other major markets have resulted in, among other things, volatility in the capital markets that may have the effect of reducing our ability to access capital, which could in the future negatively affect our liquidity. In addition, a recession or market correction due to these factors could materially affect our business and the value of our common stock.

ATM Agreement

In August 2021, we entered into a Controlled Equity OfferingSM Sales Agreement, or the ATM Agreement, with Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. and RBC Capital Markets, LLC, or the Sales Agents, pursuant to which we can offer and sell, from time to time at our sole discretion through the Sales Agents, shares of our common stock having an aggregate offering price of up to \$75.0 million. Any shares of our common stock sold will be issued pursuant to our shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-258687), which the SEC declared effective on August 19, 2021. However, our use of the shelf registration statement on Form S-3 will be limited for so long as we are subject to General Instruction I.B.6 of Form S-3, which limits the amounts that we may sell under the registration statement and in accordance with the ATM agreement. The Sales Agents will be entitled to compensation under the Sales Agreement at a commission rate equal to 3.0% of the gross sales price per share sold under the ATM Agreement, and we have provided each of the Sales Agents with indemnification and contribution rights. During the three months ended March 31, 2024, the Company did not sell any shares of its common stock under the ATM agreement. In April 2024, the Company sold 8,178 shares of its common stock under the ATM Agreement resulting in net proceeds of \$0.04 million, after deducting agent commissions.

Stock Purchase Agreement

On December 12, 2022, we entered into a purchase agreement, or the Purchase Agreement, with Lincoln Park Capital Fund, LLC, or Lincoln Park, which provides that, upon the terms and subject to the conditions of the agreement, we have the right, but not the obligation, to sell to Lincoln Park up to \$25,000,000 of shares of our common stock, or the Purchase Shares, from time to time over a 24-month term, at a variable price with certain market-based terms as defined in the agreement. The purchase agreement does not exhibit any of the characteristics for liability classification under ASC Topic 480, Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity. In January 2023, Lincoln Park was issued 180,410 shares of stock as a commitment fee at a value of \$0.5 million. On February 29, 2024, we terminated the Purchase Agreement with Lincoln Park effective March 1, 2024.

Critical Accounting Estimates

The condensed consolidated financial statements are prepared in conformity with U.S. GAAP, which require the use of estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of expenses in the periods presented. We believe that the accounting estimates employed are appropriate and resulting balances are reasonable; however, due to inherent uncertainties in making estimates, actual results could differ from the original estimates, requiring adjustments to these balances in future periods. There have not been any critical accounting estimates made by management.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

We are a smaller reporting company as defined by Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act and are not required to provide the information required under this item.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We have established disclosure controls and procedures, as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report to ensure that the information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Our management, with participation of our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on that evaluation, our principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective in recording, processing, summarizing, and reporting, on a timely basis, information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act.

In designing and evaluating the disclosure controls and procedures, management does not expect that our internal control over financial reporting will prevent or detect all errors and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control systems are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. The design of any disclosure controls and procedures also is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions. Our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Principal Financial and Accounting Officer, believes that our disclosure controls and procedures and internal control over financial reporting are designed to provide reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives and are effective at the reasonable assurance level. However, our management does not expect that our disclosure controls and procedures or our internal control over financial reporting will prevent all errors and all fraud.

(b) Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) during the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2024 that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II – OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

From time to time, we may become involved in legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of our business. We are not currently a party to any material legal proceedings, and we are not aware of any pending or threatened legal proceeding against us that we believe could have an adverse effect on our business, operating results, or financial condition.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

Our business is subject to risks and events that, if they occur, could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations and the trading price of our securities. In addition to the other information set forth in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q, you should carefully consider the factors described in Part I, Item 1A. “Risk Factors” of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 26, 2024. There have been no material changes to the risk factors described in that report.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

We did not record any issuances of unregistered securities during the three months ended March 31, 2024.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosure

Not applicable.

Item 5. Other Information

Not applicable.

Item 6. Exhibits

The following exhibits are included with this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q:

Exhibit number	Exhibit description	Incorporated by Reference			Filing date	Filed herewith
		Form	File no.	Exhibit		
3.1	Certificate of Incorporation (Delaware)	8-K	001-37939	3.4	10/17/18	
3.1.1	Certificate of Amendment to Certificate of Incorporation	8-K	001-37939	3.1	5/27/2022	
3.1.2	Certificate of Amendment to Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation	8-K	001-37939	3.1	1/26/2023	
3.2	Bylaws of Marker Therapeutics, Inc.	8-K	001-37939	3.6	10/17/18	
10.1	Master Services Agreement for Product Supply between Marker Therapeutics, Inc. and Cell Ready LLC dated February 22, 2024**	10-K	001-37939	10.8	3/26/2024	
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1933, as amended.					X
32.1*	Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.					X
32.2*	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.					X

Exhibit 101

101.INS - XBRL Instance Document

101.SCH - XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document

101.CAL - XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document

101.DEF - XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document

101.LAB - XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document

101.PRE - XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

104 - Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101 filed herewith).

- * Furnished herewith and not deemed to be “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act (whether made before or after the date of the Form 10-Q), irrespective of any general incorporation language contained in such filing.
- ** Confidential treatment has been granted as to certain portions of this exhibit pursuant to Rule 406 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or Rule 24b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

SIGNATURES

In accordance with the requirements of the Exchange Act, the registrant caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 15, 2024

MARKER THERAPEUTICS, INC.

/s/ Juan Vera

Juan Vera

President, Chief Executive Officer and Treasurer (Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

CERTIFICATION

I, Juan Vera, certify that:

- (1) I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Marker Therapeutics, Inc.;
- (2) Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- (3) Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- (4) The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurances regarding the reliability of financial reporting in the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- (5) The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of the internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 15, 2024

/s/ Juan Vera

By: **Juan Vera**

Title: President, Chief Executive Officer and Treasurer (Principal Executive Officer)

CERTIFICATION

I, Juan Vera, certify that:

- (1) I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Marker Therapeutics, Inc.;
- (2) Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- (3) Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- (4) The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurances regarding the reliability of financial reporting in the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- (5) The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of the internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 15, 2024

/s/ Juan Vera

By: **Juan Vera**

Title: President, Chief Executive Officer and Treasurer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

The undersigned, Juan Vera, the Chief Executive Officer of Marker Therapeutics, Inc. (the “Company”) hereby certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to the best of his knowledge, the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2024, fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and that the information contained in the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q fairly presents in all material respects the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: May 15, 2024

/s/ Juan Vera

Juan Vera

President, Chief Executive Officer and Treasurer
(Principal Executive Officer)

CERTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER

**PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

The undersigned, Juan Vera, the Principal Financial Officer of Marker Therapeutics, Inc. (the “Company”) hereby certifies, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to the best of his knowledge, the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2024, fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and that the information contained in the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q fairly presents in all material respects the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: May 15, 2024

/s/ Juan Vera

Juan Vera

President, Chief Executive Officer and Treasurer
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
