## U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

#### FORM 10-Q

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|              | For the quarterly p                                     | period ended: March 31, 2014  |   |                  |
|              | TRANSITION RE   | EPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF  | THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT O                             | F 1934           |
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|              |   | Commission File Number 333  | -119366   |                  |
|              |   | CELLECTAR BIOSCIENCE (Exact name of registrant as specified   |   |                  |
|              | <b>DELAW</b> A<br>(State or other junincorporation or o | risdiction of   | <b>04-3321804</b><br>(IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) | )                |
|              |   | 3301 Agriculture Drive<br>Madison, Wisconsin 537<br>(Address of principal executive   | 16  |                  |
|              |   | (608) 441-8120<br>(Registrant's telephone number, includ  | ding area code)   |                  |
|              |   | (Former name, former address and former fiscal year   | r, if changed since last report)                          |                  |
| Act of 1     | 934 during the pred                                     | ether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be ceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the requirements for the past 90 days. Yes ⊠ No □ |   |                  |
| Data Fil     | e required to be sul                                    | ether the registrant has submitted electronically and positive and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation as required to submit and post such files). Yes 🗵    | S-T during the preceding 12 months (or f                  |                  |
|              | y. See the definition ge Act.                           | ether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelens of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "   |   |                  |
| Large a      | ccelerated filer  |   | Accelerated filer   |                  |
| Non-acc      | celerated filer   | $\square$ (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)   | Smaller reporting company                                 | X                |
| Indicate     | by check mark wh  | ether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in R  | ule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes $\square$ N           | lo ⊠             |
|              | of shares outstand<br>e per share, as of M              | ing of the issuer's common stock as of the latest practice flay 13, 2014.   | cable date: 57,397,997 shares of common                   | stock, \$0.00001 |
|              |   |   |   |                  |

#### CELLECTAR BIOSCIENCES, INC.

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#### PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### Item 1. Financial Statements

## CELLECTAR BIOSCIENCES, INC. (a Development Stage Company) CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED)

|  | March 31,<br>2014 |              | D  | ecember 31,<br>2013 |
|--|-------------------|--------------|----|---------------------|
| ASSETS   |                   |              |    |                     |
| CURRENT ASSETS:  |                   |              |    |                     |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | \$                | 3,807,967    | \$ | 2,418,384           |
| Restricted cash  |                   | 55,000       |    | 55,000              |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets  |                   | 212,343      |    | 294,687             |
| Total current assets   |                   | 4,075,310    |    | 2,768,071           |
| FIXED ASSETS, NET  |                   | 2,277,408    |    | 2,360,534           |
| GOODWILL   |                   | 1,675,462    |    | 1,675,462           |
| OTHER ASSETS   |                   | 11,872       |    | 11,872              |
| TOTAL ASSETS   | \$                | 8,040,052    | \$ | 6,815,939           |
|  |                   |              |    |                     |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)   |                   |              |    |                     |
| CURRENT LIABILITIES:   |                   |              |    |                     |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities   | \$                | 992,347      | \$ | 1,162,098           |
| Derivative liability   |                   | 3,414,308    |    | 3,359,363           |
| Capital lease obligations, current portion   |                   | 1,068        |    | 1,694               |
| Total current liabilities  |                   | 4,407,723    |    | 4,523,155           |
| LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:   |                   |              |    |                     |
| Convertible debt   |                   | 3,765,028    |    | _                   |
| Notes payable  |                   | 450,000      |    | 450,000             |
| Deferred rent  |                   | 144,614      |    | 143,234             |
| Total long-term liabilities  |                   | 4,359,642    |    | 593,234             |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES  |                   | 8,767,365    |    | 5,116,389           |
| COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Note 8)   |                   |              |    |                     |
| STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT):  |                   |              |    |                     |
| Preferred stock, \$0.00001 par value; 7,000 shares authorized; none issued and outstanding as of |                   |              |    |                     |
| March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013   |                   | _            |    | _                   |
| Common stock, \$0.00001 par value; 150,000,000 shares authorized; 57,397,997 shares issued and   |                   |              |    |                     |
| outstanding at March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013  |                   | 574          |    | 574                 |
| Additional paid-in capital   |                   | 53,275,094   |    | 52,758,544          |
| Deficit accumulated during the development stage   |                   | (54,002,981) |    | (51,059,568)        |
| Total stockholders' equity (deficit)   |                   | (727,313)    |    | 1,699,550           |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)   | \$                | 8,040,052    | \$ | 6,815,939           |
|  | _                 |              | _  |                     |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

## CELLECTAR BIOSCIENCES, INC. (a Development Stage Company) CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)

**Cumulative Development-Stage** 

Period from November 7, 2002 Three Months Ended (date of inception) through March 31, March 31, 2014 2013 2014 COSTS AND EXPENSES: 34,503,195 Research and development 1,590,613 \$ \$ 1,715,307 \$ General and administrative 1,087,035 1,121,703 18,826,512 Restructuring costs 16,882 1,113,756 Merger costs 799,133 Total costs and expenses 2,819,224 2,712,316 55,242,596 LOSS FROM OPERATIONS (2,819,224)(2,712,316)(55,242,596)OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE): Grant income 244,479 Gain (loss) on revaluation of derivative warrants (54,945)6,043 2,272,984 Loss on issuance of derivative warrants (744,957)(744,957)Interest expense, net (69,244)(534,052)(2,649)Other income 1,161 Total other income (expense), net 1,239,615 (124, 189)(741,563)(54,002,981) **NET LOSS** (2,943,413)(3,453,879)DEEMED DIVIDEND ON WARRANTS (543,359)NET LOSS ATTRIBUTABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS (2,943,413) (3,453,879) (54,546,340) BASIC AND DILUTED NET LOSS ATTRIBUTABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS PER COMMON SHARE (0.05)(0.07) \$ (2.93)SHARES USED IN COMPUTING BASIC AND DILUTED NET LOSS ATTRIBUTABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS PER COMMON **SHARE** 57,397,997 51,286,886 18,647,994

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# CELLECTAR BIOSCIENCES, INC. (a Development Stage Company) CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)

Cumulative

|   |    | Three Months Ended March 31, |    |                    |    | Cumulative<br>evelopment-Stage<br>Period from<br>ovember 7, 2002<br>rough March 31, |
|---|----|------------------------------|----|--------------------|----|---|
|   |    | 2014                         |    | 2013               |    | 2014  |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:   | Φ. | (2.042.412)                  | Φ. | (2.452.050)        | Ф  | (54.000.001)  |
| Net loss Adjustments to reconcile net loss to cash used in operating activities:                              | \$ | (2,943,413)                  | \$ | (3,453,879)        | \$ | (54,002,981)  |
| Depreciation and amortization   |    | 96,048                       |    | 111,874            |    | 3,434,097   |
| Stock-based compensation  |    | 262,526                      |    | 425,898            |    | 6,943,929   |
| Intrinsic value of beneficial conversion feature associated with convertible                                  | ,  | 202,020                      |    | ,                  |    | 0,5 .0,5 25   |
| debt  |    | _                            |    | _                  |    | 471,765   |
| Non-cash interest expense related to discount on convertible debt   |    | 19,052                       |    | _                  |    | 19,052  |
| Issuance of stock for technology and services   |    |                              |    |                    |    | 89,520  |
| Impairment of intangible assets   |    | _                            |    |                    |    | 19,671  |
| Loss on disposal of fixed assets  |    | 2,269                        |    | 4,513              |    | 46,269  |
| (Gain) loss on revaluation of derivative warrants  Loss on issuance of derivative warrants                    |    | 54,945                       |    | (6,043)<br>744,957 |    | (2,272,984)<br>744,957  |
| Changes in:   |    |                              |    | 744,937            |    | 744,937   |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets   |    | 82,344                       |    | 135,549            |    | (180,823)   |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities  |    | (169,751)                    |    | 145,999            |    | 612,218   |
| Accrued interest  |    |                              |    |                    |    | 463,722   |
| Deferred rent   |    | 1,380                        |    | 2,195              |    | 144,614   |
| Cash used in operating activities   |    | (2,594,600)                  |    | (1,888,937)        |    | (43,466,974)  |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:   |    |                              |    |                    |    |   |
| Cash acquired in a business combination   |    |                              |    |                    |    | 905,649   |
| Purchases of fixed assets   |    | (15,191)                     |    | (92,977)           |    | (5,747,286)   |
| Proceeds from sale of fixed assets  |    | _                            |    | _                  |    | 7,000   |
| Purchases of short-term certificates of deposit Proceeds from short-term certificates of deposit              |    | _                            |    | _                  |    | (5,500,730)<br>5,500,730  |
| Change in restricted cash   |    |                              |    | 121,740            |    | (55,000)  |
| Payment for intangible assets   |    | _                            |    | 121,710            |    | (19,671)  |
| Cash provided by (used in) investing activities   | _  | (15,191)                     |    | 28,763             |    | (4,909,308)   |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:   | _  | (15,151)                     |    | 20,703             |    | (1,505,500)   |
| Proceeds from issuance of convertible notes   |    | 4,000,000                    |    | _                  |    | 6,720,985   |
| Proceeds from long-term obligations   |    | · · · —                      |    | _                  |    | 1,677,945   |
| Payments on long-term obligations   |    | _                            |    | _                  |    | (1,227,944)   |
| Payments on capital lease obligations   |    | (626)                        |    | (584)              |    | (9,906)   |
| Proceeds from issuance of common stock, net of issuance costs   |    | _                            |    | 4,975,153          |    | 43,688,181  |
| Proceeds from exercise of warrants  |    |                              |    |                    |    | 1,338,300   |
| Repurchase of common stock  Cash in lieu of fractional shares in a business combination                       |    | _                            |    | _                  |    | (31,667)  |
| Change in deferred issuance costs   |    | _                            |    | 70,539             |    | (145)<br>28,500   |
| Cash provided by financing activities   | _  | 3,999,374                    | _  | 5,045,108          | _  | 52,184,249  |
| INCREASE IN CASH AND EQUIVALENTS  |    | 1,389,583                    | _  | 3,184,934          | _  | 3,807,967   |
| CASH AND EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD   |    | 2,418,384                    |    | 4,677,545          |    | 5,607,707   |
| CASH AND EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD   | 2  | 3,807,967                    | \$ | 7,862,479          | \$ | 3,807,967   |
| SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION  | Ψ  | 3,607,707                    | ψ  | 7,802,477          | Ψ  | 3,807,707   |
| Fair value of warrants classified as derivative liability   | ¢  |                              | ¢  | 5 720 000          | Ф  | 5 720 000   |
| Relative fair value of warrants issued with convertible debt  | \$ | 254.024                      | \$ | 5,720,000          | \$ | 5,720,000   |
|   | \$ | 254,024                      | \$ |                    | \$ | 254,024   |
| Interest paid   | \$ |                              | \$ |                    | \$ | 208,689   |
| Fair value of derivative warrants reclassified to equity upon cashless exercise                               | \$ |                              | \$ |                    | \$ | 92,194  |
| Issuance of common stock in connection with the conversion of notes payable and \$463,722 in accrued interest | \$ |                              | \$ | <u> </u>           | \$ | 3,184,707   |
| Fair value of assets acquired in exchange for securities in a business combination                            | \$ |                              | \$ |                    | \$ | 78,408  |
| Fair value of liabilities assumed in exchange for securities in a business                                    | Ė  |                              | Ė  |                    | Ė  | ,   |
| combination   | \$ | _                            | \$ | _                  | \$ | (439,616)   |
| Goodwill resulting from business combination  | \$ |                              | \$ |                    | \$ | 1,675,462   |
|   | _  |                              | _  |                    | _  |   |

## CELLECTAR BIOSCIENCES, INC. (a Development Stage Company) NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

#### 1. NATURE OF BUSINESS, ORGANIZATION AND GOING CONCERN

Cellectar Biosciences, Inc. ("Cellectar Bio" or the "Company") is a biopharmaceutical company developing compounds for the treatment and imaging of cancer. Prior to February 11, 2014, the name of the Company was Novelos Therapeutics, Inc. ("Novelos"). On April 8, 2011, Novelos, entered into a business combination (the "Acquisition") with Cellectar, Inc., a privately held Wisconsin corporation that designed and developed products to detect, treat and monitor a wide variety of human cancers.

References in these financial statements and notes to "Cellectar, Inc." relate to the activities and financial information of Cellectar, Inc. prior to the Acquisition, references to "Novelos" relate to the activities and financial information of Novelos prior to the Acquisition and references to "Cellectar Bio" or "the Company" or "we" or "us" or "our" relate to the activities and obligations of the combined Company following the Acquisition.

The Company's headquarters are located in Madison, Wisconsin.

The Company is subject to a number of risks similar to those of other small pharmaceutical companies. Principal among these risks are dependence on key individuals, competition from substitute products and larger companies, the successful development and marketing of its products in a highly regulated environment and the need to obtain additional financing necessary to fund future operations.

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on a basis that assumes that the Company will continue as a going concern and that contemplates the continuity of operations, realization of assets and the satisfaction of liabilities and commitments in the normal course of business. The Company has incurred losses since inception in devoting substantially all of its efforts toward research and development and has an accumulated deficit of \$54,002,981 at March 31, 2014. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, the Company generated a net loss of \$2,943,413 and the Company expects that it will continue to generate operating losses for the foreseeable future. The Company believes that its cash balance as of March 31, 2014 is adequate to fund operations at budgeted levels through July 2014. The Company's ability to execute its operating plan beyond July 2014 depends on its ability to obtain additional funding via the sale of equity and/or debt securities, a strategic transaction or otherwise. The Company plans to continue to actively pursue financing alternatives, but there can be no assurance that it will obtain the necessary funding. The accompanying financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

The accompanying balance sheet as of December 31, 2013 has been derived from audited financial statements. The accompanying unaudited consolidated balance sheet as of March 31, 2014, the consolidated statements of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013 and the cumulative period November 7, 2002 (date of inception) through March 31, 2014, and the consolidated statements of cash flows for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013 and the cumulative period November 7, 2002 (date of inception) through March 31, 2014 and the related interim information contained within the notes to the consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") for interim financial information. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and the notes required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments, consisting of normal and recurring adjustments, necessary for the fair presentation of the Company's consolidated financial position at March 31, 2014 and consolidated results of its operations and its cash flows for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013 and the period from November 7, 2002 (inception) to March 31, 2014. The results for the three months ended March 31, 2014 are not necessarily indicative of future results.

These unaudited consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and related notes thereto included in the Company's Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013, which was filed with the SEC on March 19, 2014.

**Principles of Consolidation** — The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and the accounts of its whollyowned subsidiary. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

**Restricted Cash** — The Company accounts for cash that is restricted for other than current operations as restricted cash. Restricted cash at March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013 consists of a certificate of deposit of \$55,000 required under the Company's lease agreement for its Madison, Wisconsin facility.

Goodwill — Intangible assets at March 31, 2014 consist of goodwill recorded in connection with the business combination with Cellectar, Inc., a privately held Wisconsin corporation that designed and developed products to detect, treat and monitor a wide variety of human cancers (the Acquisition). Goodwill is not amortized, but is required to be evaluated for impairment annually or whenever events or changes in circumstances suggest that the carrying value of an asset may not be recoverable. The Company evaluates goodwill for impairment annually in the fourth fiscal quarter and additionally on an interim basis if an event occurs or there is a change in circumstances, such as a decline in the Company's stock price or a material adverse change in the business climate, which would more likely than not reduce the fair value of the reporting unit below its carrying amount. There were no changes in goodwill during the three months ended March 31, 2014.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets — Long-lived assets other than intangible assets consist of fixed assets, which we periodically evaluate for potential impairment. Whenever events or circumstances change, an assessment is made as to whether there has been an impairment in the value of long-lived assets by determining whether projected undiscounted cash flows generated by the applicable asset exceed its net book value as of the assessment date.

Stock-Based Compensation — The Company uses the Black-Scholes option-pricing model to calculate the grant-date fair value of stock option awards. The resulting compensation expense, net of expected forfeitures, for awards that are not performance-based is recognized on a straight-line basis over the service period of the award, which is generally three years for stock options. For stock options with performance-based vesting provisions, recognition of compensation expense, net of expected forfeitures, commences if and when the achievement of the performance criteria is deemed probable. The compensation expense, net of expected forfeitures, for performance-based stock options is recognized over the relevant performance period. Non-employee stock-based compensation is accounted for in accordance with the guidance of Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification ("FASB ASC") Topic 505, Equity. As such, the Company recognizes expense based on the estimated fair value of options granted to non-employees over their vesting period, which is generally the period during which services are rendered and deemed completed by such non-employees.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments — The guidance under FASB ASC Topic 825, Financial Instruments, requires disclosure of the fair value of certain financial instruments. Financial instruments in the accompanying financial statements consist of cash equivalents, accounts payable, convertible debt and long-term obligations. The carrying amount of cash equivalents and accounts payable approximate their fair value due to their short-term nature. The fair value of convertible debt is equal to the fair value of the underlying common stock, approximately \$3,120,000 at March 31, 2014. The carrying value of remaining long-term obligations, including the current portion, approximates fair value because the fixed interest rate approximates current market interest rates available on similar instruments.

Derivative Instruments — The Company generally does not use derivative instruments to hedge exposures to cash flow or market risks. However, certain warrants to purchase common stock that do not meet the requirements for classification as equity, in accordance with the Derivatives and Hedging Topic of the FASB ASC, are classified as liabilities. In such instances, net-cash settlement is assumed for financial reporting purposes, even when the terms of the underlying contracts do not provide for a net-cash settlement. These warrants are considered derivative instruments because the agreements contain "down-round" provisions whereby the number of shares for which the warrants are exercisable and/or the exercise price of the warrants are subject to change in the event of certain issuances of stock at prices below the then-effective exercise price of the warrants. The number of shares issuable under such warrants was 11,027,310 at March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively. The primary underlying risk exposure pertaining to the warrants is the change in fair value of the underlying common stock. Such financial instruments are initially recorded at fair value with subsequent changes in fair value recorded as a component of gain or loss on derivatives on the consolidated statements of operations in each reporting period. If these instruments subsequently meet the requirements for equity classification, the Company reclassifies the fair value to equity. At March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, these warrants represented the only outstanding derivative instruments issued or held by the Company.

#### 2. FAIR VALUE

In accordance with Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures Topic of the FASB ASC 820, the Company groups its financial assets and financial liabilities generally measured at fair value in three levels, based on the markets in which the assets and liabilities are traded and the reliability of the assumptions used to determine fair value.

- · Level 1: Input prices quoted in an active market for identical financial assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: Inputs other than prices quoted in Level 1, such as prices quoted for similar financial assets and liabilities in active markets, prices for identical assets and liabilities in markets that are not active or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.
- Level 3: Input prices quoted that are significant to the fair value of the financial assets or liabilities which are not observable or supported by an active market.

To the extent that the valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised by the Company in determining fair value is greatest for instruments categorized in Level 3. A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

The Company had issued warrants to purchase 27,310 shares of commons stock that were issued prior to the Acquisition ("Legacy Warrants") and are classified within the Level 2 hierarchy. Additionally, the Company issued warrants to purchase an aggregate of 16,500,000 common shares in a February 2013 public offering ("February 2013 Public Offering Warrants"). On February 20, 2014, warrants to purchase 5,500,000 shares of common stock issued in the February 2013 offering expired. The remaining 11,000,000 warrants are classified within the Level 3 hierarchy.

The following tables set forth the Company's financial instruments carried at fair value using the lowest level of input applicable to each financial instrument as of March 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013:

|  | March 31, 2014 |              |    |          |     |                    |          |           |
|--|----------------|--------------|----|----------|-----|--------------------|----------|-----------|
|  | Lev            | el 1         | ]  | Level 2  |     | Level 3            | F        | air Value |
| Liabilities:                           |                |              |    |          |     |                    |          |           |
| Legacy Warrants                        | \$             | _            | \$ | 4,308    | \$  | _                  | \$       | 4,308     |
| February 2013 Public Offering Warrants |                | _            |    | _        |     | 3,410,000          |          | 3,410,000 |
| Total                                  | \$             |              | \$ | 4,308    | \$  | 3,410,000          | \$       | 3,414,308 |
|  |                |              |    | December | 31, | 2013               |          |           |
|  |                |              |    |          |     |                    |          |           |
|  | Lev            | el 1         | ]  | Level 2  | _   | Level 3            | _F       | air Value |
| Liabilities:                           | Le             | vel 1        |    | Level 2  |     | Level 3            | <u>F</u> | air Value |
| Liabilities: Legacy Warrants           | Lev<br>\$      | <u>rel 1</u> | \$ | 4,363    | \$  | Level 3            | <u>F</u> | 4,363     |
|  |                | vel 1        |    |          | \$  | Level 3  3,355,000 |          |           |

In order to estimate the fair value of the Legacy Warrants considered to be derivative instruments, the Company uses the Black-Scholes option pricing model and assumptions that consider, among other variables, the fair value of the underlying stock, risk-free interest rate, volatility, expected life and dividend rates. Assumptions used are generally consistent with those disclosed for stock-based compensation (see Note 5).

In order to estimate the value of the February 2013 Public Offering Warrants considered to be derivative instruments as of March 31, 2014, the Company uses a modified option-pricing model together with assumptions that consider, among other variables, the fair value of the underlying stock, risk-free interest rate of 2.63%, volatility of 115%, contractual term of 3.89 years, future financing requirements and dividend rates. The assumptions used to estimate the value of the February 2013 Public Offering Warrants as of December 31, 2013 include the fair value of the underlying stock, risk free interest rates ranging from 0.07% to 1.27%, volatility ranging from 75% to 115%, the contractual term of the warrants ranging from 0.14 to 4.14 years, future financing requirements and dividend rates. The future financing estimates are based on the Company's estimates of anticipated cash requirements over the term of the warrants as well as the frequency of required financings based on its assessment of its historical financing trends and anticipated future events. Due to the nature of these inputs and the valuation technique utilized, these warrants are classified within the Level 3 hierarchy.

The following table summarizes the changes in the fair market value of the Company's warrants which are classified within the Level 3 fair value hierarchy.

|   | Three Months Ended March 31, 2014  Year Ended December 31, 2013 |           |                 |
|---|---|-----------|-----------------|
| Beginning balance - fair value  | \$  | 3,355,000 | \$<br>_         |
| Fair value of warrants issued in connection with February 2013 public |   |           |                 |
| offering  |   | _         | 5,720,000       |
| (Gain)/loss on derivatives resulting from change in fair value        |   | 55,000    | (2,365,000)     |
| Ending balance - fair value   | \$  | 3,410,000 | \$<br>3,355,000 |

#### 3. CONVERTIBLE DEBT

On February 5, 2014, the Company entered into a securities purchase agreement with certain accredited investors to sell \$4,000,000 in principal amount of convertible debentures and warrants to purchase 8,000,000 shares of its common stock for an aggregate purchase price of \$4,000,000. On February 6, 2014, the Company completed the sale of the debentures and warrants (the "February 2014 PIPE").

#### Debentures

The debentures mature on February 6, 2016 and are convertible at any time at a conversion price of \$0.50 per share into an aggregate of 8,000,000 shares of common stock. The debentures accrue interest at an annual rate of 8%, payable upon redemption or conversion, in cash or shares of the Company's common stock. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, the Company accrued \$48,000 in interest expense, which is included in accrued liabilities as of March 31, 2014. The debenture conversion price and the common stock issuable pursuant to the debentures are subject to adjustment for stock dividends, stock splits or similar capital reorganizations so that the rights of the debenture holders after such event will be equivalent to the rights of debenture holders prior to such event.

The Company may elect to redeem the debentures prior to the maturity date upon 30-day notice to the holder. In the event of any sale of securities by the Company resulting in aggregate gross proceeds of at least \$2,000,000 (a "Subsequent Financing"), the holder shall have the right to require the Company to redeem some or all of the then outstanding principal amount of the debenture, plus all accrued but unpaid interest and other amounts due in respect of the debenture, in an amount equal to the amount of the holder's investment in the Subsequent Financing, by delivering notice to the Company on or before the consummation date of the Subsequent Financing. If, within 21 months after the issuance of the debentures, the Company raises gross proceeds of at least \$8,000,000, in the aggregate, in one or more subsequent financings (the "Minimum Proceeds"), the Company may, by notice given within three trading days after the receipt of the Minimum Proceeds, compel holders to convert all or part of the then outstanding principal amount of the debentures and accrued but unpaid interest and other amounts.

Other than as specifically permitted under in the debentures, as long as any of the debentures remain outstanding, the Company may not, without the consent of holders of a majority in principal amount of the then outstanding debentures: incur any indebtedness for borrowed money; grant any liens on its property or assets; repurchase shares of its common stock or common stock equivalents; repurchase or otherwise acquire any indebtedness; pay cash dividends or distributions on any equity securities; enter into any transaction with any affiliate of the Company which would be required to be disclosed in any public filing with the SEC, unless such transaction is made on an arm's-length basis and expressly approved by a majority of the disinterested directors of the Company; or enter into any agreement with respect to any of the foregoing.

If any event of default occurs, the outstanding principal amount of the debentures, plus accrued but unpaid interest and other amounts owing in respect thereof through the date of acceleration, shall become, at the holder's election, immediately due and payable in cash. If such amounts are not paid within 5 days after the occurrence of any event of default, interest shall begin to accrue at the lesser of 12% per annum or the maximum rate permitted under applicable law. Events of default consist of: any default in the payment of amounts due and payable that is not cured within three trading days; failure of the Company to observe or perform any other covenant or agreement contained in the Debentures that is not cured within the earlier to occur of five trading days after notice of such failure sent by any holder of debentures or ten trading days after the Company has become aware of such failure; the occurrence of any uncured material default or event of default under the other transaction documents or any other material agreement, lease, document or instrument under which the Company or any of its subsidiaries is obligated; any representations or warranties made in the debentures or other transaction documents being materially false when made; an institution of any voluntary or involuntary bankruptcy or other insolvency proceeding or similar or related events; default on any borrowings in excess of \$150,000; the Company's common stock being ineligible for quotation on a trading market for greater than five trading days; the Company entering into any change in control transaction; the Company's failure to deliver shares of common stock as required upon conversion of the debentures; or the Company being the subject of a monetary judgment greater than \$100,000.

#### Common Stock Purchase Warrants

The warrants have an exercise price of \$1.00 and, if unexercised, expire on February 6, 2019. The warrants are exercisable only following the full or partial conversion of the associated debentures, and in the event of a partial conversion the warrant shall become exercisable only for a proportionate number of the total shares subject to the warrant. In the event any debentures cease to be outstanding prior to the associated warrants becoming exercisable, whether by reason of repayment, prepayment, redemption or otherwise, the associated warrants will automatically terminate.

The exercise price and the number of shares of common stock issuable pursuant to the warrants are subject to adjustment for stock dividends, stock splits or similar capital reorganizations so that the rights of the warrant holders after such event will be equivalent to the rights of warrant holders prior to such event.

The Company determined that the warrants associated with the convertible debentures meet the requirements for classification as equity. Therefore, the relative fair value of the warrants at the date of issuance of \$254,024 has been included as a component of stockholders' equity. In order to estimate the value of the February 2014 PIPE warrants the Company used a probability weighted valuation model together with assumptions that consider, among other variables, the fair value of the underlying stock, a risk-free interest rate of 1.52%, volatility of 110%, a 0% dividend rate, a contractual term of 5 years, and an estimate of the probability that the warrants will become exercisable upon conversion of the associated debt.

Following the allocation of the relative fair value of the warrants to equity, the remaining value of \$3,745,976 was allocated to the convertible debentures. The resulting discount on the debentures of \$254,024 will be accreted to interest expense over the shorter of the time to maturity or conversion. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, the Company recorded \$19,052 of non-cash expense related to accretion of the discount on the debentures.

#### 4. STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

#### Common Stock Warrants

The following table summarizes information with regard to outstanding warrants to purchase common stock as of March 31, 2014.

| Offering   | Issuable Upon Exercise of Outstanding Warrants | Exercise<br>Price | Expiration Date   |
|--|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| February 2014 Private Placement (1)              | 8,000,000                                      | \$ 1.00           | February 6, 2019  |
| February 2013 Public Offering (2)                | 11,000,000                                     | 0.50              | February 20, 2018 |
| February 2013 Public Offering – Placement Agents | 770,000  | 0.625             | February 4, 2018  |
| November 2012 Private Placement                  | 1,000,000                                      | 1.25              | November 2, 2017  |
| June 2012 Public Offering                        | 2,981,440                                      | 1.25              | June 13, 2017     |
| December 2011 Underwritten Offering              | 9,248,334                                      | 0.60              | December 6, 2016  |
| April 2011 Private Placement                     | 6,058,811                                      | 0.75              | March 31, 2016    |
| Legacy warrants (2)                              | 27,310   | 0.50              | July 27, 2015     |
| Legacy warrants                                  | 105,040  | 16.065            | July 27, 2015     |
| Legacy warrants                                  | 91,524   | 99.45-100.98      | December 31, 2015 |
| Total  | 39,282,459                                     |                   |                   |

**Number of Shares** 

- (1) Warrants issued in connection with the sale of convertible debentures. As described in Note 3, the warrants are only exercisable following conversion of the associated debentures.
- (2) The exercise prices of these warrants are subject to adjustment for "down-rounds" and the warrants have been accounted for as a derivative instrument as described in Note 2.

On February 20, 2014, warrants to purchase 5,500,000 shares of common stock issued in connection with the February 2013 Public Offering, having an exercise price of \$0.50 per share, expired unexercised.

#### 5. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

#### **Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation**

The Company uses the Black-Scholes option-pricing model to calculate the grant-date fair value of stock option awards. The resulting compensation expense, net of expected forfeitures, for non-performance based awards is recognized on a straight-line basis over the service period of the award, which is generally three years for stock options. For stock options with performance-based vesting provisions, recognition of compensation expense, net of expected forfeitures, commences if and when the achievement of the performance criteria is deemed probable. The compensation expense, net of expected forfeitures, for performance-based stock options is recognized over the relevant performance period. Evaluation of the probability of meeting performance targets is evaluated at the end of each reporting period. Non-employee stock-based compensation is accounted for in accordance with the guidance of FASB ASC Topic 505, *Equity*. As such, the Company recognizes expense based on the estimated fair value of options granted to non-employees over their vesting period, which is generally the period during which services are rendered and deemed completed by such non-employees.

The following table summarizes amounts charged to expense for stock-based compensation related to employee and director stock option grants and recorded in connection with stock options granted to non-employee consultants:

|  | Three Months Ended<br>March 31,  |         |    |         | Developme Stage Peri from Noven 7, 2002 thro March 3 |           |  |
|--|--|---------|----|---------|--|-----------|--|
|  | 2014         2013         2014           \$ 63,427         \$ 105,838         \$ 1,226,7           184,385         312,039         4,572,7           —         —         705,4 |         |    | 2014    |  |           |  |
| Employee and director stock option grants:   |  |         |    |         |  |           |  |
| Research and development                     | \$   | 63,427  | \$ | 105,838 | \$   | 1,226,700 |  |
| General and administrative                   |  | 184,385 |    | 312,039 |  | 4,572,794 |  |
| Restructuring costs                          |  | _       |    | _       |  | 705,518   |  |
|  |  | 247,812 |    | 417,877 |  | 6,505,012 |  |
| Non-employee consultant stock option grants: |  |         |    |         |  |           |  |
| Research and development                     |  | 14,714  |    | 1,011   |  | 152,266   |  |
| General and administrative                   |  |         |    | 7,010   |  | 286,651   |  |
|  |  | 14,714  |    | 8,021   |  | 438,917   |  |
|  |  |         |    |         |  |           |  |
| Total stock-based compensation               | \$   | 262,526 | \$ | 425,898 | \$   | 6,943,929 |  |

Cumulative

In October 2013, the Company granted options to purchase 5,285,573 shares of common stock in connection with the appointment of its Acting Chief Executive Officer, including options to purchase 1,925,573 shares of common stock at \$0.75 per share (the "Anti-dilution Option"), exercisable as shares of the Company's common stock are issued following the exercise of outstanding warrants to purchase up to 36,585,895 shares of the Company's common stock, in the ratio of one option share for each 19 shares issued upon warrant exercise. No compensation expense was recognized related to these options as the Company was not able to conclude that the achievement of the performance condition was probable. On February 20, 2014, warrants to purchase 5,500,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$0.50 per share expired unexercised and as a result, the number of shares subject to the Anti-dilution Option was reduced by 289,473 shares, according to its terms.

#### **Assumptions Used In Determining Fair Value**

Valuation and amortization method. The fair value of each stock award is estimated on the grant date using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The estimated fair value of employee stock options is amortized to expense using the straight-line method over the vesting period. The estimated fair value of the non-employee options is amortized to expense over the period during which a non-employee is required to provide services for the award (usually the vesting period).

*Volatility.* The Company estimates volatility based on an average of (1) the Company's historical volatility since its common stock has been publicly traded and (2) review of volatility estimates of publicly held drug development companies with similar market capitalizations.

Risk-free interest rate. The risk-free interest rate is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of grant commensurate with the expected term assumption.

Expected term. The expected term of stock options granted is based on an estimate of when options will be exercised in the future. The Company applied the simplified method of estimating the expected term of the options, as described in the SEC's Staff Accounting Bulletins 107 and 110, as the historical experience is not indicative of the expected behavior in the future. The expected term, calculated under the simplified method, is applied to groups of stock options that have similar contractual terms. Using this method, the expected term is determined using the average of the vesting period and the contractual life of the stock options granted. The Company applied the simplified method to non-employees who have a truncation of term based on termination of service and utilizes the contractual life of the stock options granted for those non-employee grants which do not have a truncation of service.

Forfeitures. The Company records stock-based compensation expense only for those awards that are expected to vest. A forfeiture rate is estimated at the time of grant and revised, if necessary, in subsequent periods if actual forfeitures differ from initial estimates. An annual forfeiture rate of 2% and 0% was applied to all unvested options for employees and directors, respectively for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and for the year ended December 31, 2013. Ultimately, the actual expense recognized over the vesting period will be for only those shares that vest.

The following table summarizes weighted-average values and assumptions used for options granted to employees, directors and consultants in the periods indicated:

|  | March 31 |       |
|--|----------|-------|
| Volatility                             |          | 109%  |
| Risk-free interest rate                |          | 0.92% |
| Expected life (years)                  |          | 6.0   |
| Dividend                               |          | 0%    |
| Weighted-average exercise price        | \$       | 0.74  |
| Weighted-average grant-date fair value | \$       | 0.61  |

Exercise prices for all grants made during the three months ended March 31, 2013 were equal to the market value of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. There were no stock option grants during the three months ended March 31, 2014.

Three Months Ended

#### **Stock Option Activity**

A summary of stock option activity is as follows:

|                                  | Number of<br>Shares<br>Issuable Upon<br>Exercise of<br>Outstanding<br>Options | E  | Weighted<br>Average<br>exercise Price | Weighted Average Remaining Contracted Term in Years | aggregate<br>Intrinsic<br>Value |
|----------------------------------|---|----|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Outstanding at December 31, 2013 | 12,693,166  | \$ | 0.91                                  |   | _                               |
| Granted                          | _   | \$ | _                                     |   |                                 |
| Canceled                         | (324,108)   | \$ | 1.29                                  |   |                                 |
| Forfeited                        | (289,473)   | \$ | 0.75                                  |   |                                 |
| Outstanding at March 31, 2014    | 12,079,585  | \$ | 0.90                                  |   |                                 |
|                                  |   |    |                                       |   |                                 |
| Vested, March 31, 2014           | 4,926,341   | \$ | 1.51                                  | 4.50  | \$<br>1,671                     |
| Unvested, March 31, 2014         | 7,153,244   | \$ | 0.48                                  | 9.42  | \$<br>218,729                   |
| Exercisable at March 31, 2014    | 4,926,341   | \$ | 1.51                                  | 4.50  | \$<br>1,671                     |

The aggregate intrinsic value of options outstanding is calculated based on the positive difference between the estimated per-share fair value of common stock at the end of the respective period and the exercise price of the underlying options. There have been no option exercises to date. Shares of common stock issued upon the exercise of options are from authorized but unissued shares.

As of March 31, 2014, there was \$1,592,057 of total unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested stock-based compensation arrangements. Of this total amount, the Company expects to recognize \$525,652, \$541,791, \$352,251 and \$172,363 during 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017, respectively. The Company expects 5,517,144 in unvested options to vest in the future. In addition, there are outstanding options to purchase 1,636,100 shares of common stock that vest upon the occurrence of future events. The Company was not able to conclude that the achievement of the performance condition is probable. Therefore, the Company has not recognized any expense associated with the \$418,187 fair value of this grant. Recognition of expense will begin when and if the Company determines that achievement of the performance condition is probable. The weighted-average grant-date fair value of vested and unvested options outstanding at March 31, 2014 was \$0.85 and \$0.32, respectively.

#### 6. INCOME TAXES

The Company accounts for income taxes in accordance with the liability method of accounting. Deferred tax assets or liabilities are computed based on the difference between the financial statement and income tax basis of assets and liabilities, and net operating loss carryforwards, using the enacted tax rates. Deferred income tax expense or benefit is based on changes in the asset or liability from period to period. The Company did not record a provision or benefit for federal, state or foreign income taxes for the three months ended March 31, 2014 or 2013 because the Company has experienced losses on a tax basis since inception. Because of the limited operating history, continuing losses and uncertainty associated with the utilization of the NOLs in the future, management has provided a full allowance against the value of its gross deferred tax asset.

The Company also accounts for the uncertainty in income taxes related to the recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in an income tax return. The Company follows the applicable accounting guidance on derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure and transition related to the uncertainty in income tax positions. No uncertain tax positions have been identified.

#### 7. NET LOSS PER SHARE

Basic net loss per share is computed by dividing net loss by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period. Diluted net loss per share is computed by dividing net loss, as adjusted, by the sum of the weighted average number of shares of common stock and the dilutive potential common stock equivalents then outstanding. Potential common stock equivalents consist of stock options and warrants and convertible debt. Since there is a net loss attributable to common stockholders for the three months ended March 31, 2014 and 2013, the inclusion of common stock equivalents in the computation for those periods would be antidilutive. Accordingly, basic and diluted net loss per share is the same for all periods presented.

The following potentially dilutive securities have been excluded from the computation of diluted net loss per share since their inclusion would be antidilutive:

**Cumulative** 

|                  | Three Months E | nded March 31, | Development-Stage<br>Period from November<br>7, 2002 (inception)<br>through March 31, |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|---|
|                  | 2014           | 2013           | 2014  |
| Warrants         | 39,282,459     | 36,782,459     | 39,282,459  |
| Stock options    | 12,079,585     | 6,291,638      | 12,079,585  |
| Convertible debt | 8,000,000      |                | 8,000,000   |

#### 8. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

#### Litigation

The Company is party to the following legal matter.

#### **BAM Dispute**

From its inception through 2010, Novelos was primarily engaged in the development of certain oxidized glutathione-based compounds for application as therapies for disease, particularly cancer. These compounds were originally developed in Russia and in June 2000, Novelos acquired commercial rights from the Russian company ("ZAO BAM") which owned the compounds and related Russian patents. In April 2005, Novelos acquired worldwide rights to the compounds (except for the Russian Federation) in connection with undertaking extensive development activities in an attempt to secure US Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") approval of the compounds as therapies. These development activities culminated in early 2010 in an unsuccessful Phase 3 clinical trial of an oxidized glutathione compound (NOV-002) as a therapy for non-small cell lung cancer. After the disclosure of the negative outcome of the Phase 3 clinical trial in 2010, ZAO BAM claimed that Novelos modified the chemical composition of NOV-002 without prior notice to or approval from ZAO BAM, constituting a material breach of the June 2000 technology and assignment agreement. In September 2010, Novelos filed a complaint in Massachusetts Superior Court seeking a declaratory judgment by the court that the June 2000 agreement has been entirely superseded by the April 2005 agreement and that the obligations of the June 2000 agreement have been performed and fully satisfied. ZAO BAM answered the complaint and alleged counterclaims. In August 2011, Novelos filed a motion for judgment on the pleadings as to the declaratory judgment count and all counts of ZAO BAM's amended counterclaims. On October 17, 2011, the court ruled in favor of Novelos on each of the declaratory judgment claims and dismissed all counts of ZAO BAM's counterclaim. Judgment in favor of Novelos was entered on October 20, 2011. On November 14, 2011 ZAO BAM filed a notice of appeal. On November 1, 2013, ZAO BAM's appeal was docketed with the Massachusetts Appeals Court. BAM's appellate brief, the Company's opposition and BAM's reply brief have been filed with the Appeals Court but oral arguments have not yet been scheduled. On April 14, 2014, BAM filed a motion to modify the record on appeal. The Company has opposed the motion.

We do not anticipate that this litigation matter will have a material adverse effect on the Company's future financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

#### 9. RESTRUCTURING COSTS

During 2013 the Company had several changes to its board composition and executive management, including the relocation of the Company's principal executive offices from Newton, Massachusetts to its corporate headquarters in Madison, Wisconsin. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, the company incurred \$16,882 of costs associated with the closure of the executive offices in Newton, Massachusetts and accruals related to severance agreements. This amount has been classified as restructuring costs on the accompanying statement of operations.

In connection with the relocation, the responsibilities of Joanne Protano, Vice President of Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, will be transitioned to Madison, Wisconsin and her employment will cease prior to June 30, 2014. In connection with her separation Ms. Protano will receive a lump-sum payment of \$112,379, equal to six months base salary, and continuation of benefits for six months following termination. In addition, all unvested options held by her shall be credited with an additional six months vesting and the vested options held by her shall be exercisable for eighteen months following termination.

The Company estimates that approximately an additional \$200,000 in cash payments will be incurred for exit costs, consisting principally of severance in the second quarter of 2014. In addition, the Company will also record incremental stock-based compensation associated with the modification of options upon the termination of employees. The amount of such incremental stock-based compensation cannot be estimated at this time.

#### 10. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Jamey Weichert, the Company's Chief Scientific Officer and principal founder of Cellectar, and a director and shareholder of the Company, is a faculty member at the University of Wisconsin-Madison ("UW"). During the three months ended March 31, 2014, the Company paid UW \$262,070 for costs associated with clinical trial agreements. During the three months ended March 31, 2013, the Company made contributions to UW totaling \$62,500 for use towards unrestricted research activities.

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

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

This quarterly report on Form 10-Q includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which we refer to as the Exchange Act. For this purpose, any statements contained herein regarding our strategy, future operations, financial position, future revenues, projected costs, prospects, plans and objectives of management, other than statements of historical facts, are forward-looking statements. The words "anticipates," "believes," "estimates," "expects," "intends," "may," "plans," "projects," "will," "would" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words. We cannot guarantee that we actually will achieve the plans, intentions or expectations disclosed in our forward-looking statements. There are a number of important factors that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from those disclosed in the forward-looking statements we make. These important factors include our significant accounting estimates, such as those for amounts due to clinical research organizations, and clinical investigators and the risk factors set forth in our annual report on Form 10-K and below under the caption "Risk Factors". Although we may elect to update forward-looking statements in the future, we specifically disclaim any obligation to do so, even if our estimates change, and readers should not rely on those forward-looking statements as representing our views as of any date subsequent to the date of this quarterly report.

#### Overview

Cellectar Biosciences, Inc. (Cellectar Bio or the Company) is a biopharmaceutical company developing compounds for the treatment and imaging of cancer. Prior to February 11, 2014, the name of the Company was Novelos Therapeutics, Inc. (Novelos). On April 8, 2011, Novelos, entered into a business combination (the Acquisition) with Cellectar, Inc., a privately held Wisconsin corporation that designed and developed products to detect, treat and monitor a wide variety of human cancers.

Our cancer-targeting technology permits selective delivery of a wide range of agents to cancer cells, including cancer stem cells. By attaching different agents to our proprietary PLE cancer-targeting delivery platform, we believe we can engineer product candidates with the potential to both image and treat a wide range of solid tumors. This offers the potential for a paradigm shift in the detection and treatment of cancer by using the same delivery platform for both detecting malignancy and providing efficacy versus all three major drivers of morbidity and mortality in cancer: primary tumors, metastases and stem cell-based relapse.

The Company is currently developing three proprietary product candidates:

- I-124-CLR1404 is a small-molecule, broad-spectrum, cancer-targeting PET imaging agent that we believe has the potential to be the first of its kind for the selective detection of tumors and metastases in a broad range of cancers. Investigator-sponsored Phase 1/2 clinical trials of I-124-CLR1404 are ongoing across solid tumor indications. In March 2014, we commenced enrollment in a Phase 2 clinical trial studying I-124-CLR1404 in the imaging of glioblastoma, a type of glioma. We expect to complete this trial by the end of 2014, subject to additional funding. In April 2014, the FDA granted I-124-CLR1404 orphan status as a diagnostic for the management of gliomas.
- I-131-CLR1404 is a small-molecule, broad-spectrum, cancer-targeting molecular radiotherapeutic that delivers cytotoxic (cell-killing) radiation directly and selectively to cancer cells and cancer stem cells. We believe I-131-CLR1404 also has the potential to be the first therapeutic agent to use phospholipid ether (PLE) analogs to target cancer cells. In November 2013, we completed enrollment in a Phase 1b dose-escalation trial evaluating I-131-CLR1404 in the treatment of patients with advanced solid tumors. Because of the highly radiosensitive nature, clear unmet medical need in the relapse/refractory setting and the potential to receive orphan drug designation, the Company is targeting multiple myeloma as an initial indication for future I-131-CLR1404 development and plans to submit an Investigational New Drug Application (IND) with the FDA in 2014.
- · CLR1502 is a preclinical, small-molecule, cancer-targeting, non-radioactive optical imaging agent for intraoperative tumor margin illumination and non-invasive tumor imaging. We anticipate filing an IND with the FDA for CLR1502 in 2014.

Together, we believe our compounds have the potential to improve upon current standard of care for the detection, treatment and monitoring of a wide variety of human cancers.

#### **Results of Operations**

Research and development expense. Research and development expense consists of costs incurred in identifying, developing and testing, and manufacturing product candidates, which primarily include salaries and related expenses for personnel, costs of our research and manufacturing facility, cost of manufacturing materials and contract manufacturing fees paid to contract research organizations, fees paid to medical institutions for clinical trials, and costs to secure intellectual property. The Company analyzes its research and development expenses based on four categories as follows: clinical projects, preclinical projects, chemistry and manufacturing costs, and general fixed and overhead costs that are not allocated to the functional project costs, including personnel costs, facility costs, related overhead costs and patent costs.

*General and administrative expense.* General and administrative expense consists primarily of salaries and other related costs for personnel in executive, finance and administrative functions. Other costs include insurance, costs for public company activities, investor relations, directors' fees and professional fees for legal and accounting services.

#### Three Months Ended March 31, 2014 and 2013

Research and Development. Research and development expense for the three months ended March 31, 2014 was approximately \$1,715,000 (comprised of \$409,000 in clinical project costs, \$159,000 of preclinical project costs, \$135,000 of manufacturing and related costs and \$1,012,000 in general unallocated research and development costs) compared to approximately \$1,591,000 (comprised of \$126,000 in clinical project costs, \$95,000 of preclinical project costs, \$215,000 of manufacturing and related costs and \$1,155,000 in general unallocated research and development costs) for the three months ended March 31, 2013. The \$124,000, or 7.8%, increase in research and development expense resulted from increases in clinical and preclinical project costs partially offset by decreases in manufacturing and general unallocated research costs. The \$283,000 increase in clinical project expense was primarily attributable to expenses related to the Phase 2 clinical trial studying I-124-CLR1404 in the imaging of glioblastoma. The \$64,000 increase in preclinical projects expense is primarily attributable to IND-enabling research activities related to CLR1502. The \$80,000 decrease in chemistry, manufacturing and related costs in the three months ended March 31, 2014 versus 2013 was related a decrease in manufacturing materials as a result of the completion of the Phase 1b trial for I-131-CLR1404. The \$143,000 decrease in general unallocated research and development costs for the three months ended March 31, 2014 versus 2013 was primarily related to an approximately \$95,000 decrease in payroll related costs and an approximately \$17,000 reduction in travel costs.

General and Administrative. General and administrative expense for the three months ended March 31, 2014 was approximately \$1,087,000 compared to approximately \$1,122,000 in the three months ended March 31, 2013. The approximately \$35,000, or 3%, decrease is related to a decrease in stock-based compensation as well as a decrease in directors fees associated with a reduction in the number of independent directors. The decreases were partially offset by an increase in legal fees, related in part to the ongoing litigation with BAM (see Note 8).

Restructuring Costs The Company recorded approximately \$17,000 of restructuring expenses related primarily to the closure of the Newton, Massachusetts executive offices. The Company did not incur any restructuring costs in the three months ended March 31, 2013.

Gain/(loss) on Derivative Warrants. We recorded a loss on derivative warrants of approximately \$55,000 in the three months ended March 31, 2014 and a gain on derivative warrants of approximately \$6,000 in the three months ended March 31, 2013. These amounts represent the change in fair value, during the respective period, of outstanding warrants which contain "down-round" anti-dilution provisions whereby the number of shares for which the warrants are exercisable and/or the exercise price of the warrants is subject to change in the event of certain issuances of stock at prices below the then-effective exercise prices of the warrants.

Loss on Issuance of Derivative Warrants. Loss on derivative warrants of approximately \$745,000 was recorded in the three months ended March 31, 2013 and represents the amount by which the initial fair value of warrants issued in connection with a February 2013 public offering exceeded the net proceeds received from the offering. These warrants are classified as derivative liabilities because they include "down-round" anti-dilution protection. We had no such expense in the three months ended March 31, 2014.

Interest expense, net. Interest expense, net for the three months ended March 31, 2014 consists of approximately \$48,000 of interest expense related to the accrual of interest at the stated rate on convertible debentures, approximately \$19,000 of non-cash interest expense related to the accretion of the discount on convertible debentures and approximately \$2,000 related to the Company's outstanding debt with the Wisconsin Department of Commerce. Interest expense for three months ended March 31, 2013 consists of interest related to the Company's outstanding debt owed to the Wisconsin Department of Commerce. The increase in interest expense is attributable to the issuance of convertible debentures issued in a February 2014 Private Placement.

#### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

We have financed our operations since inception primarily through the sale of equity and debt securities. As of March 31, 2014, we had approximately \$3,808,000 in cash and cash equivalents. On February 6, 2014, we completed a private placement of convertible debentures and warrants for gross proceeds of \$4,000,000 (February 2014 Private Placement). To date, including funds raised by Cellectar, Inc., we have raised capital aggregating approximately \$130 million.

During the three months ended March 31, 2014, approximately \$2,595,000 in cash was used in operations. During this period we reported a net loss of approximately \$2,943,000. However, this loss included the following non-cash items: an approximately \$55,000 loss on the revaluation of derivative warrants, an approximately \$263,000 in stock-based compensation expense, an approximately \$96,000 in expense related to depreciation and amortization, approximately \$19,000 of non-cash interest expense related to the accretion of the discount on convertible debt, and an approximately \$2,000 loss on the disposal of fixed assets. After adjustment for these non-cash items, the Company utilized approximately \$170,000 in cash for the payment of accrued expenses. Other changes in working capital provided cash of \$84,000.

During the three months ended March 31, 2014, we purchased approximately \$15,000 in fixed assets.

In February 2014, we completed a private placement of convertible debentures and warrants for gross proceeds of \$4,000,000. The debentures mature on February 6, 2016 and are convertible at any time at \$0.50 per share into 8,000,000 shares of common stock. In the event of the sale of securities by the Company for a minimum proceeds of at least \$2,000,000 ("Subsequent Financing"), the holders of the debentures may elect to redeem some or all of the then outstanding principal amount of the debenture, along with accrued but unpaid interest, in an amount equal to the amount of the holder's investment in the Subsequent Financing. If, within 21 months of the issuance of the debentures, the Company raises gross proceeds of at least \$8,000,000 in aggregate, the Company may require the holders of the debentures to convert all or part of the then outstanding principal amount and accrued but unpaid interest of the debentures. In the event that the holders of the debentures do not convert all of the debentures in a Subsequent Financing, the Company may be required to satisfy the remaining outstanding debt and accrued but unpaid interest with payments in cash.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared on a basis that assumes that we will continue as a going concern and that contemplates the continuity of operations, realization of assets and the satisfaction of liabilities and commitments in the normal course of business. We have incurred losses since inception in devoting substantially all of our efforts toward research and development and have an accumulated deficit of approximately \$54,003,000 at March 31, 2014. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, we generated a net loss of approximately \$2,943,000 and we expect that we will continue to generate operating losses for the foreseeable future. At March 31, 2014, our consolidated cash balance was approximately \$3,808,000. We believe this cash balance is adequate to fund operations through July 2014. Our ability to execute our operating plan beyond that time depends on our ability to obtain additional funding via the sale of equity and/or debt securities, a strategic transaction or otherwise. We have, in the past, successfully completed multiple rounds of financings, but, due to market conditions and other factors, including our development stage, the proceeds we have been able to secure have been less than the amounts we sought to obtain. We plan to actively pursue all available financing alternatives; however, we have not entered into negotiations for any such transactions and there can be no assurance that we will obtain the necessary funding. Other than the uncertainties regarding our ability to obtain additional funding and the repayment of convertible debt obligations, there are currently no known trends, demands, commitments, events or uncertainties that are likely to materially affect our liquidity.

#### Item 4. Controls and Procedures

#### **Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of March 31, 2014. Disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, are controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in our reports filed or submitted under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive and financial officers, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

Based on the evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of March 31, 2014 our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of such date, our disclosure controls and procedures were operating effectively.

#### Change in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

The Company's management, in connection with its evaluation of internal controls (with the participation of the Company's principal executive officer and principal financial officer), did not identify any change in internal control over the financial reporting process that occurred during the Company's first quarter of 2014 that would have materially affected, or would have been reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

#### Limitations on Effectiveness of Controls

In designing and evaluating our disclosure controls and procedures, our management recognizes that any system of controls, however well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, and not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the system are met. In addition, the design of any control system is based in part on certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events. Because of these and other inherent limitations of control systems, there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions, regardless of how remote.

#### PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

#### Item 1. Legal Proceedings

From its inception through 2010, Novelos was primarily engaged in the development of certain oxidized glutathione-based compounds for application as therapies for disease, particularly cancer. These compounds were originally developed in Russia and in June 2000, Novelos acquired commercial rights from the Russian company ("ZAO BAM") which owned the compounds and related Russian patents. In April 2005. Novelos acquired worldwide rights to the compounds (except for the Russian Federation) in connection with undertaking extensive development activities in an attempt to secure FDA approval of the compounds as therapies. These development activities culminated in early 2010 in an unsuccessful Phase 3 clinical trial of an oxidized glutathione compound (NOV-002) as a therapy for non-small cell lung cancer. After the disclosure of the negative outcome of the Phase 3 clinical trial in 2010, ZAO BAM claimed that Novelos modified the chemical composition of NOV-002 without prior notice to or approval from ZAO BAM, constituting a material breach of the June 2000 technology and assignment agreement. In September 2010, Novelos filed a complaint in Massachusetts Superior Court seeking a declaratory judgment by the court that the June 2000 agreement has been entirely superseded by the April 2005 agreement and that the obligations of the June 2000 agreement have been performed and fully satisfied. ZAO BAM answered the complaint and alleged counterclaims. In August 2011, Novelos filed a motion for judgment on the pleadings as to the declaratory judgment count and all counts of ZAO BAM's amended counterclaims. On October 17, 2011, the court ruled in favor of Novelos on each of the declaratory judgment claims and dismissed all counts of ZAO BAM's counterclaim. Judgment in favor of Novelos was entered on October 20, 2011. On November 14, 2011 ZAO BAM filed a notice of appeal. On November 1, 2013, ZAO BAM's appeal was docketed with the Massachusetts Appeals Court. BAM's appellate brief, the Company's opposition and BAM's reply brief have been filed with the Appeals Court but oral arguments have not yet been scheduled. On April 14, 2014, BAM filed a motion to modify the record on appeal. The Company has opposed the motion.

#### Item 1A. Risk Factors

#### We will require additional capital in order to continue our operations, and may have difficulty raising additional capital.

We expect that we will continue to generate significant operating losses for the foreseeable future. At March 31, 2014, our consolidated cash balance was approximately \$3,808,000. We believe our cash balance at March 31, 2014 is adequate to fund operations through July 2014. We will require additional funds to conduct research and development, establish and conduct clinical and preclinical trials, establish commercial-scale manufacturing arrangements and provide for the marketing and distribution of our products. Our ability to execute our operating plan depends on our ability to obtain additional funding via the sale of equity and/or debt securities, a strategic transaction or otherwise. We plan to actively pursue financing alternatives. However, there can be no assurance that we will obtain the necessary funding in the amounts we seek or that it will be available on a timely basis or upon terms acceptable to us. If we obtain capital by issuing debt or preferred stock, the holders of such securities would likely obtain rights that are superior to those of holders of our common stock, such as with the debt that was issued in the February 2014 Private Placement.

Our capital requirements and our ability to meet them depend on many factors, including:

- the number of potential products and technologies in development;
- · continued progress and cost of our research and development programs;
- · progress with preclinical studies and clinical trials;
- the time and costs involved in obtaining regulatory clearance;
- · costs involved in preparing, filing, prosecuting, maintaining and enforcing patent claims;
- costs of developing sales, marketing and distribution channels and our ability to sell our products;
- costs involved in establishing manufacturing capabilities for clinical trial and commercial quantities of our products;
- · competing technological and market developments;
- · market acceptance of our products;
- · costs for recruiting and retaining management, employees and consultants;
- costs for educating physicians regarding the application and use of our products;
- whether or not we obtain listing on a national exchange and, if not, our prospects for obtaining such listing;
- · uncertainty and economic instability resulting from terrorist acts and other acts of violence or war; and
- the condition of capital markets and the economy generally, both in the U.S. and globally.

We may consume available resources more rapidly than currently anticipated, resulting in the need for additional funding sooner than expected. We may seek to raise any necessary additional funds through the issuance of warrants, equity or debt financings or executing collaborative arrangements with corporate partners or other sources, which may be dilutive to existing stockholders or have a material effect on our current or future business prospects. In addition, in the event that additional funds are obtained through arrangements with collaborative partners or other sources, we may have to relinquish economic and/or proprietary rights to some of our technologies or products under development that we would otherwise seek to develop or commercialize by ourselves. If we cannot secure adequate financing when needed, we may be required to delay, scale back or eliminate one or more of our research and development programs or to enter into license or other arrangements with third parties to commercialize products or technologies that we would otherwise seek to develop ourselves and commercialize ourselves. In such event, our business, prospects, financial condition, and results of operations may be adversely affected.

We will require additional funds to conduct research and development, establish and conduct clinical and preclinical trials, establish commercial-scale manufacturing arrangements and provide for the marketing and distribution of our products. Our ability to execute our operating plan depends on our ability to obtain additional funding via the sale of equity and/or debt securities, a strategic transaction or otherwise.

### We are a development-stage company with a going-concern qualification to our financial statements, a history of losses and can provide no assurance of our future operating results.

We are a development-stage company and have incurred net losses and negative cash flows since inception. We currently have no product revenues, and may not succeed in developing or commercializing any products that will generate product or licensing revenues. We do not expect to have any products on the market for several years. Our primary activity to date has been research and development. In addition, development of our product candidates requires a process of preclinical and clinical testing, during which our product candidates could fail. We may not be able to enter into agreements with one or more companies experienced in the manufacturing and marketing of therapeutic drugs and, to the extent that we are unable to do so, we may not be able to market our product candidates. Whether we achieve profitability or not will depend on our success in developing, manufacturing, and marketing our product candidates. We have experienced net losses and negative cash flows from operating activities since inception and we expect such losses and negative cash flows to continue for the foreseeable future. As of March 31, 2014, we had negative working capital of \$(332,413) and a stockholders' deficit of \$(727,313). For the period from Cellectar, Inc.'s inception in November 2002 until the business combination with Novelos on April 8, 2011, and thereafter through March 31, 2014, the Company incurred aggregated net losses of \$54,002,981. The net loss for the three months ended March 31, 2014 was \$2,943,413. We may never achieve profitability. Our financial statements as of December 31, 2013 were prepared under the assumption that we will continue as a going concern. The independent registered public accounting firm that audited our 2013 financial statements, in their report, included an explanatory paragraph referring to our recurring losses since inception and expressing substantial doubt in our ability to continue as a going concern. Our financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty. Our ability to continue as a going concern depends on our ability to obtain additional equity or debt financing, attain further operating efficiencies, reduce expenditures, and, ultimately, to generate revenue.

### We have had significant management turnover in the past year, we continue to depend on key personnel who may terminate their employment with us at any time, and our success will depend on our ability to hire additional qualified personnel.

Our success will depend to a significant degree on the continued services of our executive officers. There can be no assurance that these individuals will continue to provide services to us. In October 2013, we appointed Dr. Simon Pedder Acting Chief Executive Officer and elected Dr. Pedder as a Class III director, succeeding Harry Palmin, our chief executive officer since 2005 and a Class III director. In April 2014, Dr. Pedder became President and Chief Executive Officer and maintained his position as a director of the Company. In November 2013, the board of directors was restructured with the resignation of 5 directors and the appointment of one new director. The restructured board of directors voted to relocate our principal executive offices from Newton, Massachusetts to Madison, Wisconsin and to transition the roles and responsibilities of Chris Pazoles, our Vice President of Research and Development since 2005 and Joanne Protano, our Vice President of Finance, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer since 2007, to Madison, Wisconsin. The board also voted to appoint Kathryn McNeil as our Vice President Investor Relations, Public Relations and Corporate Communications and appointed J. Patrick Genn as our Vice President of Business Development. Mr. Genn previously held the position of Vice President of Investor Relations. In addition, Kimberly Hawkins, our Vice President of Clinical Development since 2010, resigned from her position in August 2013. We have appointed Dr. Kevin Kozak, a consultant, as our Chief Medical Officer. As Dr. Pedder and the restructured board of directors continue to develop and implement a revised strategic focus, there could be additional executive and director changes. The successful transitions, individually and collectively, of these leadership roles will be critical to the continued progress of the Company. In addition, our success may depend on our ability to attract and retain other highly skilled personnel. We may be unable to recruit such personnel on a timely basis, if at all. Our management and other employees may voluntarily terminate their employment with us at any time. Dr. Pedder's employment contract with the company provides for certain compensation and termination payments. The loss of services of key personnel, or the inability to attract and retain additional qualified personnel, could result in delays in development or approval of our products, loss of sales and diversion of management resources. To date, we have not experienced difficulties in attracting and retaining highly qualified personnel, but there can be no assurance we will be successful in doing so in the future.

### We expect to rely heavily on orphan drug status to develop and commercialize our product candidates, but our orphan drug designations may not confer marketing exclusivity or other expected commercial benefits.

We expect to rely heavily on orphan drug exclusivity for our product candidates. Orphan drug status confers seven years of marketing exclusivity under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, and up to ten years of marketing exclusivity in Europe for a particular product in a specified indication. We have been granted orphan drug designation in the United States for I-124-CLR1404 as a diagnostic for the management of glioma. While we have been granted this orphan designation, we will not be able to rely on this designation to exclude other companies from manufacturing or selling products using the same principal molecular structural features for the same indication beyond these timeframes.

For any product candidate for which we have been or will be granted orphan drug designation in a particular indication, it is possible that another company also holding orphan drug designation for the same product candidate will receive marketing approval for the same indication before we do. If that were to happen, our applications for that indication may not be approved until the competing company's period of exclusivity expires. Even if we are the first to obtain marketing authorization for an orphan drug indication, there are circumstances under which a competing product may be approved for the same indication during the seven-year period of marketing exclusivity, such as if the later product is shown to be clinically superior to the orphan product, or if the later product is deemed a different product than ours. Further, the seven-year marketing exclusivity would not prevent competitors from obtaining approval of the same product candidate as ours for indications other than those in which we have been granted orphan drug designation, or for the use of other types of products in the same indications as our orphan product, or during such seven-year period for other indications.

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

None.

None.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosure

None

Item 5. Other Information

None

#### Item 6. Exhibits

|                |  |                                 | Incorporation by Reference |                   |                |  |  |
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| 3.1            | Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation   |                                 | 8-K                        | April 11, 2011    | 3.1            |  |  |
| 3.2            | Amended and Restated By-laws   |                                 | 8-K                        | June 1, 2011      | 3.1            |  |  |
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#### **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.

#### CELLECTAR BIOSCIENCES, INC.

Date: May 14, 2014 By: /s/ Simon Pedde

By: /s/ Simon Pedder
Simon Pedder
President and Chief Executive Officer

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#### I, SIMON PEDDER, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Cellectar Biosciences, Inc., a Delaware Corporation;
- 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 assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and 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 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 14, 2014
/s/ Simon Pedder
Simon Pedder

President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

#### I, JOANNE M. PROTANO, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Cellectar Biosciences, Inc., a Delaware Corporation;
- 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;
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  - (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 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
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Date: May 14, 2014

/s/ Joanne M. Protano

Joanne M. Protano

Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

# CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. § 1350 AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of Cellectar Biosciences, Inc. (the "Company") for the quarter ended March 31, 2014, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), we, Simon Pedder, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, and Joanne M. Protano, Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, to our knowledge, that:

- 1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- 2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ Simon Pedder

Simon Pedder

President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

Date: May 14, 2014

/s/ Joanne M. Protano

Joanne M. Protano

Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

Date: May 14, 2014