

## **NextCell announces strategic collaboration with Fujifilm Irvine Scientific**

**Huddinge, Sweden, May 20, 2025 – NextCell Pharma AB** ("NextCell" or "the Company") has entered into a strategic collaboration with Fujifilm Irvine Scientific Inc. to bring together their core competences in mesenchymal stromal cells (MSCs) and raw materials for the life science sector. The aim of the collaboration is to provide researchers and developers in the cell therapy field with an integrated offering – standardised MSC products, optimised culture media, and cryopreservation solutions.

In 2024, NextCell expanded its portfolio by developing a research-use-only umbilical cord MSC product, manufactured using proprietary in-house expertise for the commercial market. Building on this progress, the company is now initiating a collaboration with Fujifilm Irvine Scientific Inc. ("Fujifilm") to combine this cell product with Fujifilm's established MSC media and cryopreservation product lines.

Fujifilm is a global leader in the development of high-quality cell culture solutions for the life science and medical markets. With over 50 years of industry experience, Fujifilm is recognised for its innovation and commitment to advancing areas such as cell and gene therapy.

This joint offering is expected to provide researchers and industry stakeholders with:

- Standardised, high-quality MSC reference material
- Optimised media and cryopreservation solutions for MSC culture and cold storage
- A reliable reference system for the development and validation of new therapies

"We have worked closely together to develop this business relationship and are proud to be able to announce this new opportunity to our shareholders," said Dr Lindsay Davies, CSO at NextCell.

Mathias Svahn, CEO at NextCell, added: "This is a new business venture for NextCell, and we are excited to collaborate with Fujifilm, combining our expertise to build a strong partnership for the future."

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### **About NextCell Pharma AB**

NextCell Pharma is a clinical-stage cell therapy company developing ProTrans, a patent-protected platform based on allogeneic mesenchymal stromal cells (MSCs) from umbilical cord tissue. Using a proprietary selection algorithm, ProTrans delivers optimised cell tailored to specific indications. In type 1 diabetes, a single infusion has been shown to preserve insulin production and delay disease progression for at least five years. A Phase III trial is planned to commence upon securing a commercial partner. ProTrans is also being evaluated for other autoimmune and inflammatory conditions. NextCell's subsidiaries include Cellaviva, Scandinavia's largest private stem cell bank, and QVance, the Nordic region's first dedicated provider of quality services for developers of advanced therapies.