

## KEY OPINION LEADERS DISCUSS CHRONIC LOW BACK PAIN DUE TO DEGENERATIVE DISC DISEASE AND MESOBLAST'S PHASE 3 PROGRAM

**Melbourne, Australia; June 21, and New York, USA; June 20, 2022:** Mesoblast Limited (ASX:MSB; Nasdaq:MESO), global leader in allogeneic cellular medicines for inflammatory diseases, hosted a webinar for analysts and investors focused on the current treatment landscape and unmet medical need for patients with chronic low back pain (CLBP) due to degenerative disc disease (DDD), a condition associated with local inflammation in the disc.

The webinar featured presentations from Key Opinion Leaders (KOLs) Douglas P. Beall, MD, FIPP, FSIR, DAAPM (Clinical Radiology Oklahoma) and Hyun W. Bae, MD (Spine-Center at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center). The KOLs focused on Mesoblast's Phase 3 program for rexlemestrocel-L and where it may fit in the paradigm of the patient journey.

A replay of the webinar is available [here](#) or by using the following link:  
<https://lifesci.rampard.com/WebcastingAppv5/Events/eventsDispatcher.jsp?Y2Ik=MTg2OA==>

The presentation materials have been lodged with the ASX.

### Speaker Biographies

#### **Douglas P. Beall, MD, FIPP, FSIR, DAAPM**

Douglas P. Beall, MD, FIPP, FSIR, DAAPM attended medical school at Georgetown University School of Medicine in Washington, DC, and completed his residency at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. Following residency, he was Chief of Interventional Services at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas. He then completed a fellowship in Musculoskeletal Radiology at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, where he was trained in interventional spine techniques before returning to the US Air Force as Division Chief of Musculoskeletal Radiology. Following his service as a Major in the US Air Force Dr. Beall was chief of Musculoskeletal Radiology and Fellowship Director at the University of Oklahoma prior to entering private practice as the Chief of Services. In addition to his expertise in musculoskeletal imaging and interventional spine care, Dr. Beall is actively involved in teaching and research. He is board-certified in Diagnostic Radiology, has an added fellowship in Musculoskeletal Radiology, is a Diplomate of the American Academy of Pain Management and is a Fellow of the Society of Interventional Radiology and Interventional Pain Practice and board certified by the World Institute of Pain. He is currently in private practice focused on interventional pain management and orthopedic imaging.

Dr. Beall has published more than 250 articles in peer-reviewed journals, authored 6 textbooks and 75 textbook chapters, given more than 1000 invited lectures and scientific presentations and has participated in 55 clinical research trials. He is currently the Chief of Services for Comprehensive Specialty Care in Oklahoma City as well as the Division Head of Interventional Spine Care and Director of Pain Management Fellowship Programs at the Spine Fracture Institute and the Comprehensive Care Surgical Center.

#### **Hyun W. Bae, MD**

Hyun W. Bae, MD is an orthopedic and spine fellowship trained board-certified orthopedic surgeon. Dr Bae joined the Spine-Center at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in 2010. He is currently Professor of Surgery in the Department of Orthopedic Surgery Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Director of Education and Fellowship program.

Dr. Bae began his medical studies at Columbia University School of Engineering and Applied Sciences where he graduated with a degree in biomechanics. He then went on to earn his medical degree, cum laude, at Yale University School of Medicine. Dr. Bae completed his surgical internship at North Shore University Hospital and his orthopedic surgical residency at the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York. He completed his spine fellowship at Case Western Hospital in Cleveland under the mentorship of late Henry H. Bohlman, MD.

During 1993-1994 he performed research in Molecular and Cell Biology, NIH Howard Hughes Research Fellow Bethesda, MD. It was during that time, he caught the passion for musculoskeletal tissue engineering while working with scientists Guilak F, Setton LA, Soslowsky LJ, as an undergraduate in Dr. Van Mow's cartilage research laboratory.

After spine surgery fellowship, He entered clinical practice, and developed a research program focusing on repair of IVD and evaluating instrumentation for spinal fusion, and grafting materials. Early translational studies were on chondrocytes expressing TGF-B1 to heal experimentally degenerated discs via needle puncture injury in rabbits (patents, cell technology with TissueGene Co.). Several disc repair treatment options were studied clinically for patients with less severe DDD with goals of preventing or delaying surgery. Other research areas include grafting with growth differentiation factors for fusion, variability in allografts, DBM-based allografts, and adult stem cells for the regeneration of intervertebral disc, and nervous system tissue after spinal cord injuries. He serves as the clinical partner of the basic science and translational Orthopedic Stem Cell and Tissue Engineering Laboratory. Dr. Bae is PI for 3-4 FDA-approved RCTs at any time with over 30 clinical studies completed throughout the last 20 years.

Dr. Bae has written or coauthored more than 70 published scientific paper, 5 review articles, and over 10 chapters. Has around 30 patents. A main area of research interest is targeted regeneration of the intervertebral disc. Hyun W. Bae, MD specializes in minimally invasive microsurgery, disc replacement surgery, degenerative spine, and surgical treatment of cervical and lumbar spinal diseases.

### **About Mesoblast**

Mesoblast is a world leader in developing allogeneic (off-the-shelf) cellular medicines for the treatment of severe and life-threatening inflammatory conditions. The Company has leveraged its proprietary mesenchymal lineage cell therapy technology platform to establish a broad portfolio of late-stage product candidates which respond to severe inflammation by releasing anti-inflammatory factors that counter and modulate multiple effector arms of the immune system, resulting in significant reduction of the damaging inflammatory process.

Mesoblast has a strong and extensive global intellectual property portfolio with protection extending through to at least 2041 in all major markets. The Company's proprietary manufacturing processes yield industrial-scale, cryopreserved, off-the-shelf, cellular medicines. These cell therapies, with defined pharmaceutical release criteria, are planned to be readily available to patients worldwide.

Mesoblast is developing product candidates for distinct indications based on its remestemcel-L and rexlemestrocel-L allogeneic stromal cell technology platforms. Remestemcel-L is being developed for inflammatory diseases in children and adults including steroid refractory acute graft versus host disease, biologic-resistant inflammatory bowel disease, and acute respiratory distress syndrome. Rexlemestrocel-L is in development for advanced chronic heart failure and chronic low back pain. Two products have been commercialized in Japan and Europe by Mesoblast's licensees, and the Company has established commercial partnerships in Europe and China for certain Phase 3 assets.

Mesoblast has locations in Australia, the United States and Singapore and is listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (MSB) and on the Nasdaq (MESO). For more information, please see [www.mesoblast.com](http://www.mesoblast.com), LinkedIn: Mesoblast Limited and Twitter: @Mesoblast

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