

Mail Stop 6010

May 15, 2008

James A. Bianco, M.D.
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**Re: Cell Therapeutics, Inc.
Preliminary proxy statement filed May 8, 2008
File No. 1-12465**

Dear Dr. Bianco:

We have completed our review of your preliminary proxy statement and related filings and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Riedler
Assistant Director

cc: Karen Dempsey, Esquire
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