

BIANCO JAMES A  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
BIANCO JAMES A

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
501 ELLIOTT AVENEUE  
WEST, SUITE 400  
(Street)

SEATTLE, WA 98119

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CELL THERAPEUTICS INC [ctic]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/14/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/14/2005		A <sup>(1)</sup>	250,000 A \$ 0	897,347	D	
Common Stock					780	I	By wife
Common Stock					77	I	By wife as cust.

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.36	12/14/2005		A	250,000	(2) 12/14/2015	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BIANCO JAMES A 501 ELLIOTT AVENUE WEST SUITE 400 SEATTLE, WA 98119	X		President and CEO	

## Signatures

Louis A. Bianco, Attorney-in-fact for James A. Bianco  
Date: 12/16/2005

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

The reporting person was granted a restricted stock award, 50% of which shall vest on the date that the Company enters into a pharmaceutical partnership deal for Xyotax ("Partnership Date"), provided that the reporting person remains employed by the Company on the Partnership Date. The remaining 50% shall vest on the date that the Company files a new drug application for Xyotax with the Food and Drug Administration (the "NDA Vesting Date"); provided that the reporting person is still employed by the Company on the NDA Vesting Date. Vesting must occur on or prior to 12/14/2008.

(2) This option vests over a period of two years from the date of grant, wherein the grant shall vest 25% after six months, 50% after one year, 75% after 18 months, and 100% after two years.

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