

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 15, 2021

MOLECULAR TEMPLATES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-32979
(Commission File Number)

94-3409596
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

9301 Amberglen Blvd, Suite 100
Austin, Texas 78729
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(512) 869-1555
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.001 Par Value Per Share	MTEM	The Nasdaq Global Select Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On November 15, 2021, Molecular Templates, Inc. (the "Company") announced its financial results for the third quarter of 2021 ended September 30, 2021. The full text of the press release issued in connection with the announcement is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information contained in this Item 2.02 and in the press release furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended or Sections 11 and 12(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The information contained in this Item 2.02 and in the press release furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this current report on Form 8-K shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission made by the Company whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

[Exhibit 99.1 Press release dated November 15, 2021](#)

Exhibit 104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Molecular Templates, Inc.

Date: November 15, 2021

By: /s/ Eric E. Poma, Ph.D.
Eric E. Poma, Ph.D.
Chief Executive Officer

Molecular Templates, Inc. Reports Third Quarter 2021 Financial Results

AUSTIN, Texas, Nov. 15, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Molecular Templates, Inc. (Nasdaq: MTEM, "Molecular Templates," or "MTEM"), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery and development of proprietary targeted biologic therapeutics, engineered toxin bodies (ETBs), today reported financial results for the third quarter of 2021.

"We are focused on execution across our growing portfolio of wholly owned next-generation ETBs," said Eric Poma, Ph.D., Molecular Templates' Chief Executive and Scientific Officer. "Third quarter highlights included the initiation of clinical development of MT-6402 (targeting PD-L1 via dual mechanisms), the initiation of the HER2-positive breast cancer expansion cohort for MT-5111 as well as continued enrollment of patients in our MT-0169 clinical program. These programs demonstrate the depth and versatility of our ETB platform and the potential to develop innovative treatments for a broad array of solid and hematological tumors with high unmet medical need."

Company Highlights and Upcoming Milestones

Corporate

- In July 2021, MTEM dosed its first subject in a Phase 1 study of MT-6402. MT-6402 is the first of MTEM's 3rd generation ETBs incorporating Antigen Seeding Technology to enter the clinic and represents a new approach to immuno-oncology.
- On August 4, 2021, MTEM assumed full rights to TAK-169, now known as MT-0169, from its former co-development partner, Takeda, including full control of MT-0169 clinical development.
- Enrollment in the MT-0169 Phase 1 study in relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma has resumed after the transfer of the IND to MTEM.
- MTEM expects to provide an update on MT-5111, MT-0169 and MT-6402 by the end of this year and expects to provide periodic updates throughout 2022.

MT-0169 (CD38 ETB)

- On August 4, 2021, MTEM assumed full rights to MT-0169 from its former co-development partner, Takeda, including full control of MT-0169 clinical development, per the terms of the terminated collaboration agreement with Takeda. MTEM will continue conducting the ongoing Phase 1 study for MT-0169 in relapsed/refractory multiple myeloma and non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.
- Patient enrollment in the 50 mcg/kg cohort is currently ongoing. MTEM continues to see pharmacodynamic activity with MT-0169. Data on the first four patients treated in the Phase 1 study evaluating MT-0169 was presented in a poster at the Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer (SITC) annual meeting on November 12.

MT-6402 (PD-L1 ETB with Antigen Seeding Technology)

- MTEM is enrolling patients in the Phase 1 study of MT-6402 which initiated in July 2021. MT-6402 is the first of MTEM's 3rd generation ETBs to enter the clinic. It was designed to induce potent anti-tumor effects via PD-L1 targeting through multiple mechanisms that may overcome the limitations of PD-L1 antibody therapies.
- The Phase 1 study is a multi-center, open-label, dose escalation and dose expansion trial in the United States. Patients with confirmed PD-L1 expressing tumors or confirmed PD-L1 expression in the tumor microenvironment are eligible for enrollment.
- Patient enrollment in the 16 mcg/kg cohort (the starting dose) is currently ongoing. There have been no dose limiting toxicities and no signs of capillary leak syndrome observed to date.
- Following determination of the maximum tolerated dose (MTD) or recommended Phase 2 dose, expansion cohorts are planned to evaluate MT-6402 as a monotherapy in tumor-specific and tumor-agnostic cohorts.

MT-5111 (HER2 ETB)

- The Phase 1 study of MT-5111 in HER2-positive cancers is ongoing with multiple sites open for enrollment.
- The HER2-positive breast cancer expansion cohort initiated as of November 2021 at a dose of 10 mcg/kg (anticipated to be a therapeutic dose level). Dose escalation will continue to determine the recommended Phase 2 dose while the breast cancer expansion cohort collects efficacy and safety data.

Research

- MTEM continues to advance its pipeline of next-generation ETBs targeting CTLA-4, TIGIT, TROP2, SLAMF-7, CD20, and CD45.
- A poster on ETB mediated depletion of TIGIT expressing immune cells for cancer immunotherapy was presented at the SITC annual meeting on November 13.
- Through 2021 and in 2022, MTEM expects to present preclinical data on ETB candidates at medical and scientific conferences.

Upcoming Investor Events

- Stifel Healthcare Conference (November 15-17, 2021)
- Evercore ISI 4th Annual HealthCONx (November 30 – December 2, 2021)

Financial Results

The net loss attributable to common shareholders for the third quarter of 2021 was \$30.4 million, or \$0.54 per basic and diluted share. This

compares with a net loss attributable to common shareholders of \$23.2 million, or \$0.47 per basic and diluted share, for the same period in 2020.

Revenues for the third quarter of 2021 were \$2.4 million, compared to \$4.3 million for the same period in 2020. Revenues for the third quarter of 2021 were comprised of revenues from collaborative research and development agreements with Vertex and Bristol Myers Squibb. Total research and development expenses for the third quarter of 2021 were \$22.9 million, compared with \$19.6 million for the same period in 2020. Total general and administrative expenses for the third quarter of 2021 were \$9.0 million, compared with \$7.5 million for the same period in 2020.

As of September 30, 2021, MTEM's cash and investments totaled \$175.4 million. MTEM's current cash and investments are expected to fund operations into the second half of 2023.

About Molecular Templates

Molecular Templates is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on the discovery and development of targeted biologic therapeutics. Our proprietary drug platform technology, known as engineered toxin bodies, or ETBs, leverages the resident biology of a genetically engineered form of Shiga-like Toxin A subunit to create novel therapies with potent and differentiated mechanisms of action for cancer and other serious diseases.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements for purposes of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the "Act"). Molecular Templates disclaims any intent or obligation to update these forward-looking statements, and claims the protection of the Act's Safe Harbor for forward-looking statements. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included in this press release regarding strategy, future operations, future financial position, future revenue, projected expenses, prospects, plans and objectives of management are forward-looking statements. In addition, when or if used in this press release, the words "may," "could," "should," "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "plan," "predict" and similar expressions and their variants, as they relate to Molecular Templates may identify forward-looking statements. Examples of such statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding the safety or potential efficacy of Molecular Templates' drug or biologic candidates, including the anticipated benefits of Molecular Templates' next-generation ETBs compared to its first-generation ETBs; statements relating to the development of MT-5111, MT-0169, and MT-6402; the expected timing of submitting various IND applications and conducting studies and generating data; Molecular Templates' receipt of future development, regulatory and sales milestones and royalty payments; the expected participation and presentation at upcoming conferences; the anticipated effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on Molecular Templates' ongoing clinical studies, manufacturing and preclinical development; and Molecular Templates' belief that its proprietary biologic drug platform technology, or ETBs, provides for a differentiated mechanism of action that may address some of the limitations associated with currently available cancer therapeutics.

Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks and uncertainties. Actual events or results may differ materially from those discussed in the forward-looking statements as a result of various factors including, but not limited to, the uncertainties inherent in the preclinical and clinical development process; whether Molecular Templates' cash resources will be sufficient to fund its continuing operations for the periods and/or trials anticipated; Molecular Templates' ability to timely enroll patients in its clinical trials; the ability of Molecular Templates' to protect its intellectual property rights; risks from global pandemics including COVID-19; and legislative, regulatory, political and economic developments, as well as those risks identified under the heading "Risk Factors" in Molecular Templates' filings with the SEC. There can be no assurance that any of Molecular Templates' drug or biologic candidates will be successfully developed, manufactured or commercialized, that final results of clinical trials will be supportive of regulatory approvals required to market products, or that any of the forward-looking information provided herein will be proven accurate. Any forward-looking statements contained in this press release speak only as of the date hereof, and Molecular Templates specifically disclaims any obligation to update any forward-looking statement, whether because of new information, future events or otherwise.

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Molecular Templates, Inc.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(in thousands, except share and per share data)
(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
Research and development revenue, related party	\$ —	\$ 1,566	\$ 13,136	\$ 4,962
Research and development revenue, other	2,379	2,732	7,597	7,176

Grant revenue	—	—	—	3,210
Total revenue	2,379	4,298	20,733	15,348
Operating expenses:				
Research and development	22,881	19,622	65,328	70,667
General and administrative	9,027	7,547	26,178	19,606
Total operating expenses	31,908	27,169	91,506	90,273
Loss from operations	29,529	22,871	70,773	74,925
Interest and other income, net	175	167	308	925
Interest and other expense, net	(1,033)	(521)	(2,301)	(1,229)
Loss on extinguishment of debt	—	—	—	(1,237)
Loss before provision for income taxes	30,387	23,225	72,766	76,466
Provision for income taxes	—	—	—	5
Net loss	30,387	23,225	72,766	76,471
Net loss attributable to common shareholders	\$ 30,387	\$ 23,225	\$ 72,766	\$ 76,471
Net loss per share attributable to common shareholders:				
Basic and diluted	\$ 0.54	\$ 0.47	\$ 1.32	\$ 1.63
Weighted average number of shares used in net loss per share calculations:				
Basic and diluted	56,174,644	49,026,499	54,958,365	46,808,437

Molecular Templates, Inc.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(in thousands, except share and per share data)

	<u>September 30,</u> <u>2021(unaudited)</u>	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2020</u>
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 27,593	\$ 25,218
Marketable securities, current	141,783	68,667
Prepaid expenses	7,623	6,080
Accounts receivable, related party	—	234
Other current assets	445	1,125
Total current assets	177,444	101,324
Marketable securities, non-current	6,013	—
Operating lease right-of-use assets	9,002	11,104
Property and equipment, net	20,451	22,254
Other assets	5,019	5,195
Total assets	<u>\$ 217,929</u>	<u>\$ 139,877</u>
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,311	\$ 2,350
Accrued liabilities	11,305	12,575
Deferred revenue, current	32,240	14,014
Deferred revenue, current, related party	—	789
Other current liabilities, related party	—	5,614
Other current liabilities	2,541	2,211
Total current liabilities	47,397	37,553
Deferred revenue, long-term	51,302	4,538
Deferred revenue, long-term, related party	—	3,106
Long-term debt, net of current portion	35,251	14,926
Operating lease liabilities	10,284	12,213
Other liabilities, related party	—	6,711
Other liabilities	1,590	1,490
Total liabilities	<u>145,824</u>	<u>80,537</u>
Commitments and contingencies (Note 10)		
Stockholders' equity		
Preferred stock, \$0.001 par value:		

Authorized: 2,000,000 shares at September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020; issued and outstanding: 250 shares at September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020	—	—
Common stock, \$0.001 par value:		
Authorized: 150,000,000 shares at September 30, 2021 and December 31, 2020; issued and outstanding: 56,297,967 shares at September 30, 2021 and 49,984,333 shares at December 31, 2020	56	50
Additional paid-in capital	413,857	328,314
Accumulated other comprehensive income, (loss)	(1)	17
Accumulated deficit	(341,807)	(269,041)
Total stockholders' equity	<u>72,105</u>	<u>59,340</u>
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 217,929</u>	<u>\$ 139,877</u>