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): May 7, 2021

TELA Bio, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-37526 (Commission File Number) 45-5320061 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1 Great Valley Parkway, Suite 24 Malvern, Pennsylvania (Address of principal executive offices)

19355 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (484) 320-2930

Not Applicable

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

□ 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))

Dere-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	<u>Trading Symbol(s)</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	TELA	Nasdaq Global 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 \boxtimes

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.

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On May 13, 2021, TELA Bio, Inc. (the "*Company*") issued a press release announcing its financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2021. A copy of this press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

The information furnished pursuant to this Item 2.02, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "*Exchange Act*"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "*Securities Act*"), or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On May 7, 2021, Nora Brennan, the Chief Financial Officer of the Company, notified the Company of her decision to resign effective June 4, 2021, in order to pursue another opportunity. Megan Smeykal, the Company's Vice President and Corporate Controller, will assume the duties of the principal financial officer of the Company on an interim basis until such time as the Company appoints a new Chief Financial Officer.

Ms. Smeykal joined the Company in December 2019 as Vice President of Financial Reporting and became Vice President and Corporate Controller in May 2021. Previously, Ms. Smeykal served as the Vice President of Financial Reporting and Assistant Controller at Nutrisystem, Inc. from 2006 to August 2019. Ms. Smeykal began her accounting career with Arthur Andersen LLP from 1997 to 2002. Ms. Smeykal received a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting from Villanova University and maintains an active certified public accounting license in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

There are no arrangements or understandings between Ms. Smeykal and any other persons pursuant to which Ms. Smeykal was appointed as interim principal financial officer of the Company. In addition, there are no family relationships between Ms. Smeykal and any director or executive officer of the Company, and there are no transactions involving Ms. Smeykal requiring disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On May 13, 2021, the Company updated information reflected in a corporate slide deck, which representatives of the Company will use in various meetings with investors from time to time. A copy of the presentation is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.2, and incorporated herein by reference.

The information furnished pursuant to Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.2, shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibits are being furnished herewith:

Exhibit No.	Document
<u>99.1</u>	Press Release of TELA Bio, Inc., dated May 13, 2021.
<u>99.2</u>	Corporate Slide Deck, dated May 13, 2021.

SIGNATURES

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.

TELA BIO, INC.

By: /s/ Antony Koblish Name: Antony Koblish

Name: Antony Koblish Title: President, Chief Executive Officer and Director

Date: May 13, 2021



TELA Bio Announces First Quarter 2021 Financial Results

MALVERN, Pa., May 13, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- TELA Bio, Inc. ("TELA") (Nasdaq: TELA), a commercial stage medical technology company focused on designing, developing, and marketing innovative tissue reinforcement materials to address unmet needs in soft tissue reconstruction, today reported financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2021.

First Quarter 2021 Financial Results and Business Highlights

- Reported revenue of \$5.9 million for the first quarter of 2021, increasing 58% over the first quarter of 2020;
- Our OviTex LPR product line continues to experience high utilization in robotic and MIS procedures and the first quarter of 2021 represented our highest volume quarter for LPR products;
- Hosted successful Key Opinion Leader Webinar featuring surgeons speaking on their use of OviTex® Reinforced Tissue Matrix for simple and complex hernia procedures; and
- Published additional positive data, including initial two-year data, from the BRAVO study evaluating OviTex® Reinforced Tissue Matrix for the treatment of ventral hernias showing favorable recurrence rates.

"We are very pleased with our revenue growth in the first quarter despite the ongoing headwinds from COVID-19, and we are encouraged by the increasing demand for our products, particularly our LPR product line, as we head into the second quarter," said Antony Koblish, co-founder, President and Chief Executive Officer of TELA Bio. "Along with the expected improvement of procedure volumes throughout 2021, we anticipate the current litigation surrounding synthetic mesh may increase patient demand for non-synthetic options. OviTex was purposefully designed to provide patients a more natural repair, and we believe TELA Bio is well positioned to experience top-line growth in 2021 as the portfolio is expected to gain increased utilization by general and plastic reconstructive surgeons."

First Quarter 2021 Financial Results

Revenue was \$5.9 million for the first quarter of 2021, an increase of 58% compared to the prior year period despite experiencing increased volatility in demand for our products in January due to the COVID-19 resurgence. The increase in revenue was primarily driven by an increase in unit sales of our products due to the expansion of our commercial organization and increased penetration within existing customer accounts.

Gross profit was \$3.5 million for the first quarter of 2021, or 59% of revenue, compared to \$2.2 million, or 59% of revenue, in the same period in 2020.

Operating expenses were \$10.7 million in the first quarter of 2021, compared to \$8.7 million in the same period in 2020. The increase was due to the expansion of our commercialization activities, higher personnel costs and increased research and development expenses.

Loss from operations was \$7.3 million in the first quarter of 2021, compared to a loss from operations of \$6.5 million in the same period in 2020.

Net loss was \$8.1 million in the first quarter of 2021, compared to a net loss of \$7.2 million in the same period in 2020.

Cash and Cash Equivalents at March 31, 2021 were \$65.8 million.

Financial Outlook

For the full year 2021, TELA Bio is maintaining the total revenue guidance to be in the range of \$27.0 million to \$30.0 million, representing growth of 48% to 65% over the prior year period. Continued uncertainty relating to the dynamic environment with the COVID-19 pandemic could materially impact our estimate.

Conference Call and Webcast Details

The Company will host a live conference call and webcast to discuss these results and provide a corporate update on Thursday, May 13, 2021, at 4:30 PM ET.

To participate in the call, please dial (855) 548-1219 (domestic) or (409) 217-8881 (international) and provide conference ID 7381947. The live webcast will be available on the Events & Presentations page of the Investors section of TELA's website.

About TELA Bio, Inc.

TELA Bio Inc. (NASDAQ: TELA) is a commercial-stage medical technology company focused on designing, developing, and marketing innovative tissue reinforcement materials to address unmet needs in soft tissue reconstruction. The Company is committed to providing patients with advanced, economically effective biologic material repair solutions to minimize long-term exposure to permanent synthetic materials and improve clinical outcomes. TELA Bio's OviTex® and OviTex PRS Reinforced Tissue Matrix products are purposefully designed to address the shortcomings of existing reinforcement materials in hernia repair, abdominal wall reconstruction and plastic and reconstructive surgery. For more information, visit <u>www.telabio.com</u>.

Caution Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This press release may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Words such as "may," "might," "will," "should," "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "estimate," "continue," "predict," "forecast," "project," "plan," "intend" or similar expressions, or statements regarding intent, belief, or current expectations are forward-looking statements and reflect the current beliefs of TELA's management. Such forward-looking statements include statements relating to our expected revenue and revenue growth for the full year 2021, expected increases in procedure volumes in 2021 and expected increases in the utilization rate of our products by general and plastic reconstructive surgeons. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results and events to differ materially and adversely from those indicated by such forward-looking statements including, among others: the impact to our business of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to any impact on our ability to market our products, demand for our products due to deferral of procedures using our products or disruption in our supply chain, our ability to achieve or sustain profitability, our ability to gain market acceptance for our products and to accurately forecast and meet customer demand, our ability to compete successfully, our ability to enhance our product offerings, development and manufacturing problems, capacity constraints or delays in production of our products, maintenance of coverage and adequate reimbursement for procedures using our products, product defects or failures. These and other risks and uncertainties are described more fully in the "Risk Factors" section and elsewhere in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission and available at www.sec.gov, including in our Annual Report on Form 10-K and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q. Any forward-looking statements that we make in this announcement speak only as of the date of this press release, and TELA assumes no obligation to updates forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise after the date of this press release, except as required under applicable law.

Investor Contact

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TELA Bio, Inc. Consolidated Balance Sheets (In thousands, except share and per share amounts) (Unaudited)

	N	farch 31, 2021	Dec	ember 31, 2020
Assets				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	65,829	\$	74,394
Accounts receivable, net		2,795		2,683
Inventory		4,688		3,907
Prepaid expenses and other assets		1,892		2,241
Total current assets		75,204		83,225
Property and equipment, net		584		626
Intangible assets, net		2,531		2,607
Total assets	\$	78,319	\$	86,458
Liabilities and stockholders' equity				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	965	\$	652
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities		4,673		5,953
Total current liabilities		5,638		6,605
Long-term debt with related party		30,982		30,827
Other long-term liabilities		8		
Total liabilities		36,628		37,432
Stockholders' equity:				
Preferred stock; \$0.001 par value: 10,000,000 shares authorized; no shares issued and outstanding		—		
Common stock; \$0.001 par value: 200,000,000 shares authorized; 14,440,411 and 14,437,289 shares issued and				
14,440,275 and 14,437,107 shares outstanding at March 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020, respectively		14		14
Additional paid-in capital		246,548		245,736
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(82)		(71)
Accumulated deficit		(204,789)		(196,653)
Total stockholders' equity		41,691		49,026
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	78,319	\$	86,458

TELA Bio, Inc. Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Loss (In thousands, except share and per share amounts) (Unaudited)

	Three months ended March 31,		
	 2021		2020
Revenue	\$ 5,877	\$	3,726
Cost of revenue (excluding amortization of intangible assets)	2,336		1,450
Amortization of intangible assets	76		76
Gross profit	 3,465		2,200
Operating expenses:			
Sales and marketing	6,299		5,269
General and administrative	2,756		2,518
Research and development	 1,679		912
Total operating expenses	10,734		8,699
Loss from operations	 (7,269)		(6,499)
Other (expense) income:			
Interest expense	(889)		(879)
Other income	 22		158
Total other expense	(867)		(721)
Net loss	\$ (8,136)	\$	(7,220)
Net loss per common share, basic and diluted	\$ (0.56)	\$	(0.63)
Weighted average common shares outstanding, basic and diluted	 14,438,405		11,406,783
Comprehensive loss:	 		
Net loss	\$ (8,136)	\$	(7,220)
Foreign currency translation adjustment	 (11)		27
Comprehensive loss	\$ (8,147)	\$	(7,193)

Exhibit 99.2



Advancing Soft Tissue Reconstruction

Investor Presentation

May 2021

Forward Looking Statements

This presentation contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements other than statements of historical facts contained in this document, including but not limited to statements regarding possible or assumed future results of operations, business strategies, development plans, regulatory activities, market opportunity competitive position, potential growth opportunities, and the effects of competition, are forward-looking statements. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other important factors that may cause TELA Bio, Inc.'s (the "Company") actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terms such as "may," "will," "should," "expect," "plan," "aim," "anticipate," "could," "intend," "target," "project," "contemplate," "believe," "estimate," "predict," "potential" or "continue" or the negative of these terms or other similar expressions. The forward-looking statements in this presentation are only predictions. The Company has based these forward-looking statements largely on its current expectations and projections about future events and financial trends that it believes may affect the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this presentation and are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions, some of which cannot be predicted or quantified and some of which are beyond the Company's control, including, among others: changes resulting from the finalization of the Company's financial statements for the guarter ended March 31, 2021, information or new changes in facts or circumstances that may occur prior to the filing of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2021, the impact to the Company's business of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to any impact on the Company's ability to market its products, demand for the Company's products due to deferral of procedures using the Company's products or disruption in the Company's supply chain, the Company's ability to achieve or sustain profitability, the Company's ability to gain market acceptance for the Company's products and to accurately forecast and meet customer demand, the Company's ability to compete successfully, the Company's ability to enhance the Company's product offerings, development and manufacturing problems, capacity constraints or delays in production of the Company's products, maintenance of coverage and adequate reimbursement for procedures using the Company's products, product defects or failures. These and other risks and uncertainties are described more fully in the "Risk Factors" section and elsewhere in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission and available at www.sec.gov. You should not rely on these forward-looking statements as predictions of future events. The events and circumstances reflected in the Company's forward-looking statements may not be achieved or occur, and actual results could differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. Moreover, the Company operates in a dynamic industry and economy. New risk factors and uncertainties may emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for management to predict all risk factors and uncertainties that the Company may face. Except as required by applicable law, we do not plan to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements contained herein, whether as a result of any new information, future events, changed circumstances or otherwise.



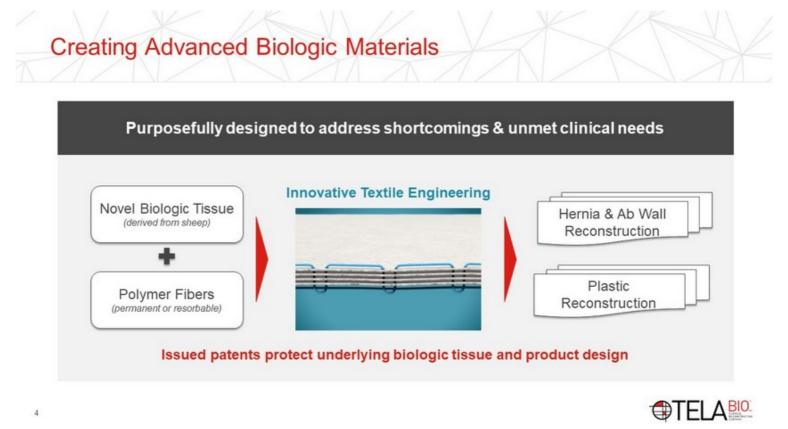


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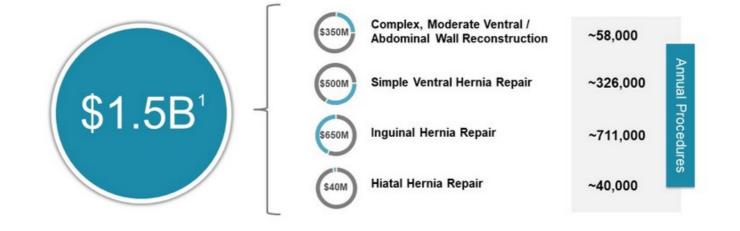
~\$2B U.S Market Opportunity¹ in hernia repair, abdominal wall reconstruction and plastic and reconstructive surgery

- Innovative Products
- Compelling Clinical Evidence
- Products Offer Attractive Value Proposition for Hospitals

¹Management estimate. \$2B total equals \$1.5B hernia & abdominal wall reconstruction and \$0.5B plastic reconstructive surgery.



OviTex: ~\$1.5 Billion Annual U.S. Hernia Market Opportunity

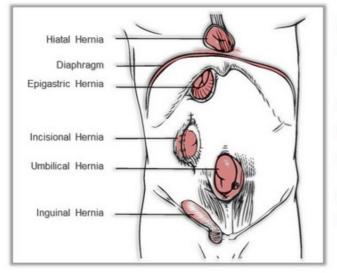


Source: Millennium Research Group Reports, IMS Health Data 'Management estimate. Market size based volume weighted average selling price for OviTex

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Hernias Occur Throughout the Abdomen



What is a hernia?

- Occurs when an internal part of the body pushes through a weakness (that is natural occurring or from a previous surgical incision) or hole in the muscle or surrounding tissue
- Likelihood of developing a hernia increases with age & obesity

Treating a hernia

- Standard of care: Surgical repair of a hernia with a reinforcing material (mesh)
- ~90% of hernia patients receive a mesh repair¹
- Mesh intended to reinforce the defect and provide long-term support



Ventral Hernia Patients Range in Complexity

SIMPLE MODERATE COMPLEX · CDC Wound Class II · CDC Wound Class III · CDC Wound Class I (clean) (clean-contaminated) (contaminated) & IV (infected) Healthier patients - no co-٠ · Patient co-morbidities (i.e., Large defects • morbidities obesity, diabetes, COPD) Infected synthetic mesh . Primary hernia repair May have prior hernia repair removals failure · Multiple prior hernia repair failures Objective: provide patients the best repair the first time

Ventral Hernia Complexity

to prevent the simple patient from becoming the complex

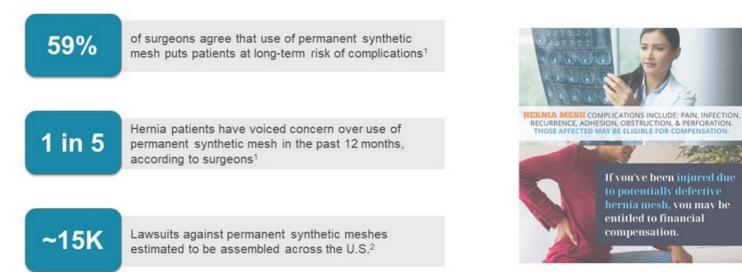




Current Ventral Hernia Treatment Options: No Perfect Product



Growing Need for Alternative to Permanent Synthetic Mesh



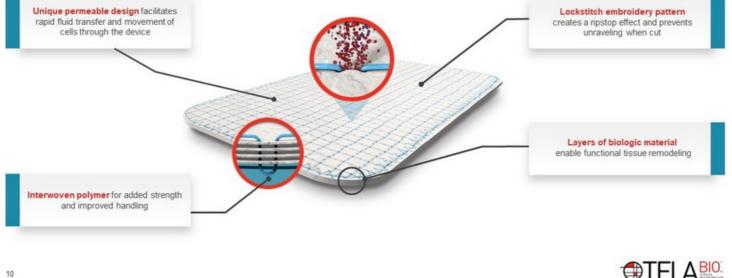


¹Hernia and Abdominal Surgerles Survey (Oct 2020). 2 www.drugwatch.com (October 2020)



OviTex Reinforced Tissue Matrix: a More Natural Hernia Repair™

An innovative reinforced tissue matrix designed to reduce stretch compared to biologic matrices and longterm complications experienced with resorbable and permanent synthetic meshes



Comprehensive Portfolio for a Broad Range of Hernia Types and Surgical Techniques

Each configuration is available with either permanent (polypropylene) polymer or resorbable (polyglycolic acid) polymer reinforcing the same biologic material.



4-layer device, not intended for intraperitoneal

Common Procedures: Moderate ventral

hernia (pre-peritoneal placement), inguinal



OviTex 1S 6-layer device, with "smooth side" suitable for intraperitoneal placement

Strength*: ++ Common Procedures: Moderate to complex ventral hernia



OviTex 2S 8-layer device, with 2 "smooth sides" suitable for intraperitoneal placement

Strength*: +++ Common Procedures: Complex ventral hernia and abdominal wall reconstruction and can be used for bridging

Images represent permanent polymer OviTex products. Resorbable polymer products have clear polymer. * Biomechanical data on file.



OviTex

placement

Strength*: +

hernia, hiatal hernia

OviTex LPR for Laparoscopic & Robotic Hernia Repair

Increase in Robotic-Assisted Hernia Repair

- ^a Surgeons have adopted robotic-assisted techniques, primarily for inguinal & simple ventral Hernia repair, due to perceived patient and technique benefits
- Legacy biologic products are difficult to use minimally invasively (MIS) due to their thickness and handling properties



Our Solution: OviTex LPR

Tailored OviTex product designed for improved handling in MIS techniques and trocar accessibility





Compelling Clinical Evidence

18 Presentations / Publications	5 Presentations / Publications	4 Presentations / Publications	BRAVO Study
Low hernia recurrence Low rate of surgical site occurrences & infections (SSO/SSI) Ease of use	Low hernia recurrence Low incidence of chronic post- operative pain Low SSO / SSI Ease of use	Low hernia recurrence	 Multi-center, prospective study with 92 patients enrolled Moderate-to-complex ventral hernia patients Patient follow-up at 3, 12 & 24-months Additional data readout expected by YE 2020 and upon study completion in mid-2021
		rted by data from cross multiple hernia type	5
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BRAVO Study Shows Low Recurrence Rate at 12 and 24-months

OviTex BRAVO Product Name	Tissue Reinforcement Material	Hernia Recurrence Rate	Number of Hernia Recurrence	Number of Patients who Completed Follow-up	Follow-up Period in Months
OviTex	Reinforced Tissue Matrix	2.6%	2	76	12
OviTex	Reinforced Tissue Matrix	%	0	51	24
Results from F	Post-Market Clinical Studies o	Competitive Materials		Number of Patients	Follow-up
Product Name	Tissue Reinforcement Material	Published Hernia Recurrence Rate	Recurrence, (%)	Number of Patients who Completed Follow-up	Period in Months
Phasix	Resorbable Synthetic Mesh	4.1%	5 (5.3%)	95	12 ¹
Phasix	Resorbable Synthetic Mesh	9%	11 (11.6%)	95	18 ²
Phasix	Resorbable Synthetic Mesh	17.9%	19 (23.2%)	82	36 ³
Strattice	Biologic Matrix	19%	15 (21.7%)	69	12 ⁴
Strattice	Biologic Matrix		28% 22 (32.8%)	67	244

doi:10.1016/j.surg.2012.04.008 * Herris Recurrence Rate based on number of hernia recurrences reported in patients who completed follow up and patients who reported recurrent hernia before the specified follow up period. Clinical literature and conference presentations in recurrence rates based on number of hernia recurrences in patients who compress the initial interview-teatopopulation (indusing those who did not complete the follow up period and did not report a hernia recurrence). TELA

OviTex PRS: ~\$500 Million Annual U.S. Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery Market Opportunity



Surgeons use products to reinforce soft tissue during various reconstructive surgeries, including:

- Breast reconstruction
- Head and neck surgery
- Chest wall reconstruction
- Pelvic reconstruction
- Extremities reconstruction

Market dominated by human acellular dermal matrices (HADMs)

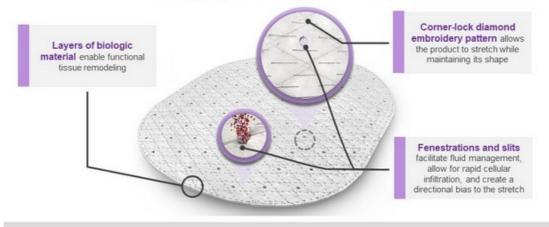
- · Prone to high degree of stretch
- · Expensive, putting pressure on hospital systems
- · Often experience supply shortages, particularly when large pieces of material are required

15 Management estimate. Market size based on sales of current biologics



OviTex PRS: Purposely Designed for Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

An innovative reinforced tissue matrix designed to improve outcomes by facilitating fluid management and controlling degree and direction of stretch



Expanded commercial launch in June 2020 following limited launch initiated in 2019



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Commercial Organization

46 sales territories as of March 31, 2021

- OR-based Account Managers call on General, Plastic Recon, Colorectal & Trauma surgeons
- Carry full OviTex & OviTex PRS portfolios

6 sales regions

- Plan to scale existing regions until each region has ~8 territories
- Supported by Clinical Development and Strategic Customer Relations teams





Growth Strategy

COMMERCIAL EXECUTION

- Scale direct sales force
- Drive account manager productivity
- Increase utilization within health systems under GPO contracts
- Secure additional contracts with high-potential IDNs and GPOs

MARKET EXPANSION

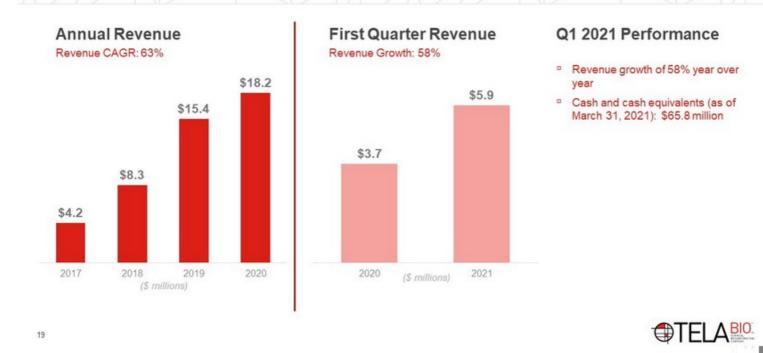
- Launch new product features and designs for OviTex and OviTex PRS
- Initiate robotic hernia post-market study
- Support investigator-led clinical studies for OviTex PRS



INCREASE ADOPTION

- Promote broader awareness of OviTex & OviTex PRS products
- Employ virtual sales & marketing programs, including TELA LIVE
- Drive market awareness of risks of permanent synthetic mesh use
- Publish BRAVO clinical data

Delivering Revenue Growth



Investment Highlights

