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REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

BIOSANTE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

58-2301143
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time after this registration statement becomes effective.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box:

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or reinvestment plans, check the following box:

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

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If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

The registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to Section 8(a), may determine.

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The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the Securities and Exchange Commission declares our registration statement effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Subject to Completion, dated May 21, 2010

PROSPECTUS



\$75,000,000

**Common Stock
Preferred Stock
Warrants
Units**

We may offer and sell from time to time up to \$75,000,000 in total of any combination of the securities described in this prospectus, either individually or in units. We also may offer common stock upon conversion of preferred stock or common stock or preferred stock upon the exercise of warrants. This prospectus provides a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we offer securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement containing more information about the particular offering together with this prospectus. The prospectus supplement also may add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. This prospectus may not be used to offer and sell securities without a prospectus supplement.

The securities may be sold directly by us to investors, through agents designated from time to time or to or through underwriters or dealers. For additional information on the methods of sale, you should refer to the section entitled "Plan of Distribution" in this prospectus. If any agents or underwriters are involved in the sale of any securities, the names of such agents or underwriters and any applicable fees, commissions, discounts and over-allotment options will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Our common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol "BPAX." On May 19, 2010, the reported closing price of our common stock was \$1.95 per share.

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. We refer you to the section entitled "Risk Factors" of this prospectus on page 3 and in the applicable prospectus supplement and under similar sections in the documents we incorporate by reference into this prospectus.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is _____, 2010

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In this prospectus, references to “BioSante,” the “company,” “we,” “our” or “us,” unless the context otherwise requires, refer to BioSante Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

We own or have the rights to use various trademarks, trade names or service marks that are used in this prospectus, including BioSante[®], Elestrin[™], LibiGel[®], Bio-T-Gel[™], The Pill Plus[™], BioVant[™], BioLook[™], CAP-Oral[™], BioAir[™] and GVAX[™].

You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus, including information incorporated by reference as described above, or any prospectus supplement that we have specifically referred you to. We have not authorized anyone else to provide you with different information. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of those documents or that any document incorporated by reference is accurate as of any date other than its filing date. You should not consider this prospectus to be an offer or solicitation relating to the securities in any jurisdiction in which such an offer or solicitation relating to the securities is not authorized. Furthermore, you should not consider this prospectus to be an offer or solicitation relating to the securities if the person making the offer or solicitation is not qualified to do so, or if it is unlawful for you to receive such an offer or solicitation.

ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, using a “shelf” registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may offer to sell any one or more or a combination of the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings up to a total dollar amount of \$75,000,000 (or its equivalent based on the applicable exchange rate at the time of the sale in one or more foreign currencies, currency units or composite currencies that we may designate). We have provided to you in this prospectus a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. We also may add, update or change in the prospectus supplement any of the information contained in this prospectus. If there is an inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and a prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information in the prospectus supplement. You should read carefully both this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement together with the documents we incorporate by reference into this prospectus as described under the heading “Incorporation of Certain Documents By Reference” before making an investment decision. This prospectus may not be used to offer and sell securities without a prospectus supplement.

The registration statement that contains this prospectus, including the exhibits to the registration statement and the information incorporated by reference, provides additional information about the securities offered under this prospectus. That registration statement can be read at the SEC web site or at the SEC public reference room as discussed under the heading “Where You Can Find More Information.”

You should rely only on the information provided in the registration statement, this prospectus and in any prospectus supplement, including the information incorporated by reference. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus or any supplement to this prospectus is accurate at any date other than the date indicated on the cover page of these documents. We are not making an offer to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted.

ABOUT OUR COMPANY

BioSante Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is a specialty pharmaceutical company focused on developing products for female sexual health, menopause, contraception, male hypogonadism and oncology. We also are developing our calcium phosphate technology (CaP) for aesthetic medicine (BioLook), as a vaccine adjuvant, including for an H1N1 (swine flu) vaccine, and drug delivery as well as seeking opportunities for our 2A/Furin and other technologies.

Our products, either approved or in development, include:

- LibiGel — once daily transdermal testosterone gel in Phase III clinical development under a Special Protocol Assessment (SPA) for the treatment of female sexual dysfunction (FSD).
- Elestrin — once daily transdermal estradiol (estrogen) gel approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) indicated for the treatment of moderate-to-severe vasomotor symptoms (hot flashes) associated with menopause and marketed in the U.S.
- The Pill-Plus (triple component contraceptive) — once daily use of various combinations of estrogens, progestogens and androgens in development for the treatment of FSD in women using oral or transdermal contraceptives.

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- Bio-T-Gel — once daily transdermal testosterone gel in development for the treatment of hypogonadism, or testosterone deficiency, in men.
- GVAX cancer vaccines — a portfolio of cancer vaccines in clinical development for the treatment of various cancer types.

We believe LibiGel remains the lead pharmaceutical product in the U.S. in active development for the treatment of hypoactive sexual desire disorder (HSDD) in menopausal women, and that it has the potential to be the first product approved by the FDA for this common and unmet medical need. We believe based on agreements with the FDA, including an SPA, that two Phase III safety and efficacy trials and one year of LibiGel exposure in a Phase III cardiovascular and breast cancer safety study with a four-year follow-up post-NDA filing and potentially post-FDA approval are the essential requirements for submission and, if successful, approval by the FDA of a new drug application (NDA) for LibiGel for the treatment of FSD, specifically, HSDD in menopausal women. Currently, three LibiGel Phase III studies are underway and enrolling women: two LibiGel Phase III safety and efficacy clinical trials and one Phase III cardiovascular and breast cancer safety study. We have three SPAs in place concerning LibiGel. The first SPA agreement covers the pivotal Phase III safety and efficacy trials of LibiGel in the treatment of FSD for “surgically” menopausal women. The second SPA covers our LibiGel program in the treatment of FSD, specifically HSDD, in “naturally” menopausal women. The third SPA agreement covers the LibiGel stability, or shelf life studies for the intended commercialization of LibiGel product.

Elestrin is our first FDA approved product. Azur Pharma International II Limited (Azur) is marketing Elestrin in the U.S. using its women’s health sales force that targets estrogen prescribing physicians in the U.S. comprised mostly of gynecologists. In December 2009, we entered into an amendment to our original licensing agreement with Azur which permanently reduced the royalty percentage due to us related to Azur’s sales of Elestrin. We received approximately \$3.16 million in non-refundable payments in exchange for the elimination of all remaining future royalty payments due us under the terms of the original license. We maintain the right to receive up to \$140 million in sales-based milestone payments from Azur if Elestrin reaches certain predefined sales per calendar year.

GVAX cancer vaccines are designed to stimulate the patient’s immune system to effectively fight cancer. Multiple Phase II trials of these vaccines are ongoing at minimal cost to us at the Johns Hopkins Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center in various cancer types, including prostate cancer, pancreatic cancer, leukemia and breast cancer. Two of these vaccines have been granted orphan drug designation.

Our CaP technology is based on the use of extremely small, solid, uniform particles, which we call “nanoparticles.” We are pursuing the development of various potential initial applications for our CaP technology. First, CaP technology is being tested in the area of aesthetic medicine. Second, our CaP technology is being tested for its “adjuvant” activity that enhances the ability of a vaccine to stimulate an immune response. The same nanoparticles allow for delivery of the vaccine via alternative routes of administration including non-injectable routes of administration. Third, we are pursuing the creation of oral, buccal, intranasal, inhaled and longer acting delivery of drugs that currently must be given by injection (e.g., insulin).

The following is a list of our CaP products in development:

- BioLook — facial line filler in development using proprietary CaP technology in the area of aesthetic medicine, e.g., a facial line filler.

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- BioVant — proprietary CaP adjuvant and delivery technology in development for improved vaccines against viral and bacterial infections and autoimmune diseases, among others. BioVant also serves as a delivery system for non-injected delivery of vaccines.
- BioOral — a delivery system using CaP technology for oral/buccal/intranasal administration of proteins and other therapies that currently must be injected.
- BioAir — a delivery system using CaP technology for inhalable versions of proteins and other therapies that currently must be injected.

Our company, which was initially formed as a corporation organized under the laws of the Province of Ontario on August 29, 1996, was continued as a corporation under the laws of the State of Wyoming on December 19, 1996 and was reincorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware on June 26, 2001. In October 2009, we acquired Cell Genesys, Inc. through a direct merger.

Our principal executive offices are located at 111 Barclay Boulevard, Lincolnshire, Illinois 60069. Our telephone number is (847) 478-0500 and our Internet web site address is www.biosantepharma.com. We make available on our website free of charge a link to our annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports as soon as practicable after we electronically file such material with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC. Except for the documents specifically incorporated by reference into this prospectus, information contained on our website or that can be accessed through our website does not constitute a part of this prospectus. We have included our website address only as an inactive textual reference and do not intend it to be an active link to our website.

An investment in our securities involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the risk factors described in Part I, Item 1A, “Risk Factors” in our 2009 Annual Report on Form 10-K and our other reports filed from time to time with the SEC, which are incorporated by reference into this prospectus, as the same may be amended, supplemented or superseded from time to time by our filings under the Exchange Act, as well as any prospectus supplement relating to a specific security. Before making any investment decision, you should carefully consider these risks as well as other information we include or incorporate by reference in this prospectus or in any applicable prospectus supplement. The risks and uncertainties described in the prospectus supplement and the documents we incorporate by reference into this prospectus are not the only ones we face. Additional risks and uncertainties that we are unaware of or that we believe are not material at the time could also materially adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations. In any case, the value of our securities could decline, and you could lose all or part of your investment. See also the information contained under the heading “Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements” immediately below.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement, including the documents that we incorporate by reference, contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements other than statements of historical facts included in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement that address activities, events or developments that we expect, believe or anticipate will or may occur in the future are forward-looking statements. Our forward-looking statements generally include statements about our plans, objectives, strategies and prospects regarding, among other things, our business, results of operations, liquidity and financial condition. In some cases, we have identified these forward-looking

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statements with words like “believe,” “may,” “could,” “might,” “possible,” “potential,” “project,” “will,” “should,” “expect,” “intend,” “plan,” “predict,” “anticipate,” “estimate,” “approximate,” “contemplate” or “continue” or the negative of these words or other words and terms of similar meaning.

Forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties. These uncertainties include factors that affect all businesses as well as matters specific to us. Some of the factors known to us that could cause our actual results to differ materially from what we have anticipated in our forward-looking statements include: our ability to obtain additional capital when needed or on acceptable terms; subject recruitment and enrollment in our current and future clinical studies, including in particular our Phase III clinical study program for LibiGel; our failure to obtain and maintain required regulatory approvals on a timely basis or at all; the failure of certain of our products to be commercially introduced for several years or at all; the level of market acceptance of our products if and when they are commercialized; uncertainties associated with the impact of published studies regarding the adverse health effects of certain forms of hormone therapy; our dependence upon the maintenance of certain of our licenses with; our dependence upon our licensees for the development, marketing and sale of certain of our products; our ability to compete in a competitive industry; our ability to protect our proprietary technology and to operate our business without infringing the proprietary rights of third parties; our dependence upon key employees; adverse changes in applicable laws or regulations and our failure to comply with applicable laws and regulations; changes in generally accepted accounting principles; or conditions and changes in the biopharmaceutical industry or in general economic or business conditions. We refer you to the section entitled “Risk Factors” included elsewhere in this prospectus and in the accompanying prospectus supplement and under similar sections in the documents we incorporate by reference into this prospectus.

We wish to caution readers not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statement that speaks only as of the date made and to recognize that forward-looking statements are predictions of future results, which may not occur as anticipated. Actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in the forward-looking statements and from historical results, due to the risks and uncertainties described above and under the section entitled “Risk Factors” included elsewhere in this prospectus and in the accompanying prospectus supplement and under similar sections in the documents we incorporate by reference into this prospectus, as well as others that we may consider immaterial or do not anticipate at this time. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in our forward-looking statements are reasonable, we do not know whether our expectations will prove correct. We assume no obligation to update forward-looking statements to reflect actual results or changes in factors or assumptions affecting such forward-looking statements, except if we otherwise are required by law. We advise you, however, to consult any further disclosures we make on related subjects in our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K we file with or furnish to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless we otherwise indicate in the applicable prospectus supplement, we currently intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of our securities, if such sale occurs, for general corporate purposes, including working capital, to finance our Phase III clinical studies for LibiGel, capital expenditures and the repayment, repurchase or redemption of outstanding indebtedness. We also may use a portion of the proceeds to acquire or invest in complementary businesses or products or to obtain rights to additional product candidates and other technologies. We have no commitments with respect to any such acquisitions or investments. The amounts and timing of our actual expenditures will depend on numerous factors, including the progress in, and costs of, our Phase III clinical studies for LibiGel, the timing of revenues, if any, from any future collaborations or similar transactions and the amount of cash used by our operations. We therefore cannot estimate the amount of proceeds to be used for all of the purposes described above. We may find it necessary or advisable to use the net proceeds for other purposes, and

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we will have broad discretion in the application of the proceeds. Pending the uses described above, we intend to deposit the proceeds temporarily in our non-interest bearing checking account or to invest them temporarily in short-term or marketable securities until we use them for their stated purpose. We also may set forth additional information on the use of net proceeds from the sale of the securities we offer under this prospectus in a prospectus supplement relating to the specific offering.

DESCRIPTION OF COMMON STOCK

The following description of our common stock, together with the additional information we include in any applicable prospectus supplements, summarizes the material terms and provisions of our common stock that we may offer under this prospectus. For the complete terms of our common stock,

please refer to our certificate of incorporation and bylaws, which are incorporated by reference into the registration statement which includes this prospectus. Copies of our certificate of incorporation and bylaws are on file with the SEC as exhibits to registration statements previously filed by us. See “Where You Can Find More Information.” The terms of our common stock also may be affected by Delaware law.

Authorized and Outstanding Capital Stock

We are authorized to issue 200,000,000 shares of common stock, \$0.0001 par value per share, 4,687,684 shares of class C special stock, \$0.0001 par value per share, and 10,000,000 shares of undesignated preferred stock, \$0.0001 par value per share.

As of May 13, 2010, we had 63,667,194 shares of common stock outstanding. As of May 13, 2010, we had an aggregate of 3,596,120 shares of common stock reserved for issuance upon the exercise of outstanding stock options granted under the BioSante Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Amended and Restated 1998 Stock Plan, the BioSante Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 2008 Stock Incentive Plan and certain assumed Cell Genesys stock plans and an additional 473,500 shares of common stock reserved for issuance pursuant to future grants under the BioSante Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 2008 Stock Incentive Plan. As of May 13, 2010, we had an aggregate of 10,789,361 shares of common stock reserved for issuance upon the exercise of outstanding warrants.

As of May 13, 2010, we had 391,286 shares of class C special stock outstanding. Each share of class C special stock entitles its holder to one vote per share. Each share of our class C special stock is exchangeable, at the option of the holder, for one share of common stock, at an exchange price of \$2.50 per share, subject to adjustment upon certain capitalization events. Holders of our class C special stock are not entitled to receive dividends. Holders of our class C special stock are not entitled to participate in the distribution of our assets upon any liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of our company. The holders of our class C special stock have no cumulative voting, preemptive, subscription, redemption or sinking fund rights.

As of the date of this prospectus, we do not have any shares of preferred stock outstanding.

Voting Rights

For all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders, each holder of common stock is entitled to one vote for each share registered in the holder’s name on our books. Our common stock does not have cumulative voting rights. The holders of a plurality of the shares of our common stock and class C special stock entitled to vote in any election of directors, voting together as a single class, can elect all of the directors standing for election, if they so choose.

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Dividends

Subject to limitations under Delaware law and preferences that may be applicable to any then outstanding preferred stock, holders of common stock are entitled to receive ratably those dividends, if any, as may be declared by our board of directors out of legally available funds.

Liquidation

Upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, the holders of common stock will be entitled to share ratably in the net assets legally available for distribution to stockholders after the payment of all of our debts and other liabilities of our company, subject to the prior rights of any preferred stock then outstanding.

Fully Paid and Nonassessable

All shares of our outstanding common stock are fully paid and nonassessable and any additional shares of common stock that we issue will be fully paid and nonassessable.

Other Rights and Restrictions

Holders of our common stock do not have preemptive or subscription rights, and they have no right to convert their common stock into any other securities. There are no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable to the common stock. The rights, preferences and privileges of common stockholders are subject to the rights of the stockholders of any series of preferred stock which we may designate in the future. Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws do not restrict the ability of a holder of common stock to transfer the holder’s shares of common stock.

Listing

Our common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol “BPAX.”

Transfer Agent and Registrar

The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is Computershare Investor Services, LLC.

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DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED STOCK

The following description of our preferred stock, together with the additional information we include in any applicable prospectus supplements, summarizes the material terms and provisions of our preferred stock that we may offer under this prospectus. For the complete terms of our preferred stock, please refer to our certificate of incorporation and bylaws, which are incorporated by reference into the registration statement which includes this prospectus. Copies of our certificate of incorporation and bylaws are on file with the SEC as exhibits to registration statements previously filed by us. See “Where You

Can Find More Information.” The terms of our preferred stock also may be affected by Delaware law. If we offer a specific class or series of preferred stock under this prospectus, we will describe the terms of the preferred stock in the prospectus supplement for such offering and will file a copy of the certificate establishing the terms of the preferred stock with the SEC.

Authorized and Outstanding Shares

We currently have authorized 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, \$0.0001 par value per share. As of the date of this prospectus, we did not have any shares of preferred stock outstanding.

Designations, Powers, Preferences, Rights, Qualifications, Limitations and Restrictions

Prior to issuance of shares of each series of our undesignated preferred stock, our board of directors is required by the Delaware General Corporate Law, or DGCL, and our certificate of incorporation to adopt resolutions and file a Certificate of Designations with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware, fixing for each such series the designations, powers, preferences, rights, qualifications, limitations and restrictions of the shares of such series.

Our board of directors could authorize the issuance of shares of preferred stock with terms and conditions more favorable than our common stock or class C special stock and with rights that could adversely affect the voting power or other rights of holders of our common stock or class C special stock. In addition, our board of directors could authorize the issuance of shares of preferred stock with terms and conditions which could have the effect of discouraging a takeover or other transaction which holders of some, or a majority, of such shares might believe to be in their best interests or in which holders of some, or a majority, of such shares might receive a premium for their shares over the then-market price of such shares.

Subject to limitations prescribed by the DGCL, our certificate of incorporation and our bylaws, our board of directors is authorized to fix the number of shares constituting each series of preferred stock and the designations, powers, preferences, rights, qualifications, limitations and restrictions of the shares of such series, including such provisions as may be desired concerning voting, redemption, dividends, dissolution or the distribution of assets, conversion or exchange, and such other subjects or matters as may be fixed by resolution of the board of directors. Each series of preferred stock that we offer under this prospectus will, when issued, be fully paid and nonassessable and will not have, or be subject to, any preemptive or similar rights.

The applicable prospectus supplement(s) will describe the following terms of the series of preferred stock in respect of which this prospectus is being delivered:

- the title and stated value of the preferred stock;
- the number of shares of the preferred stock offered, the liquidation preference per share and the purchase price of the preferred stock;

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- the dividend rate(s), period(s) and/or payment date(s) or the method(s) of calculation for dividends;
- whether dividends shall be cumulative or non-cumulative and, if cumulative, the date from which dividends on the preferred stock shall accumulate;
- the procedures for any auction and remarketing, if any, for the preferred stock;
- the provisions for a sinking fund, if any, for the preferred stock;
- the provisions for redemption, if applicable, of the preferred stock;
- any listing of the preferred stock on any securities exchange or market;
- the terms and conditions, if applicable, upon which the preferred stock will be convertible into common stock, including the conversion price (or its manner of calculation) and conversion period;
- voting rights, if any, of the preferred stock;
- a discussion of any material and/or special U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to the preferred stock;
- whether interests in the preferred stock will be represented by depositary shares;
- the relative ranking and preferences of the preferred stock as to dividend rights and rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs;
- any limitations on issuance of any class or series of preferred stock ranking senior to or on a parity with the preferred stock as to dividend rights and rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our affairs; and
- any other specific terms, preferences, rights, limitations or restrictions on the preferred stock.

Transfer Agent and Registrar

The transfer agent and registrar for our preferred stock will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

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DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS

The following description, together with the additional information we may include in any applicable prospectus supplements, summarizes the material terms and provisions of the warrants that we may offer under this prospectus and the related warrant agreements and warrant certificates. While the terms summarized below will apply generally to any warrants that we may offer, we will describe the particular terms of any series of warrants in more detail in the applicable prospectus supplement. If we indicate in the prospectus supplement, the terms of any warrants offered under that prospectus supplement may differ from the terms described below.

We will file as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, or will incorporate by reference from reports that we file with the SEC, the form of warrant agreement, including a form of warrant certificate, that describes the terms of the series of warrants we are offering, and any supplemental agreements, before the issuance of the related series of warrants. The following summaries of material terms and provisions of the warrant agreements and warrant certificate are subject to, and qualified in their entirety by reference to, all the provisions of the warrant agreement and warrant certificate applicable to the particular series of warrants that we may offer under this prospectus. We urge you to read the applicable prospectus supplements related to the particular series of warrants that we may offer under this prospectus and the complete warrant agreements and warrant certificates that contain the terms of the warrants.

Outstanding Warrants

As of May 13, 2010, the following warrants were outstanding:

- Warrants to purchase an aggregate of 853,292 shares of our common stock at an exercise price of \$2.75 per share issued to various institutional and accredited investors in connection with our private placement completed on July 21, 2006;
- Warrants to purchase an aggregate of 763,750 shares of our common stock at an exercise price of \$8.00 per share issued to various institutional and accredited investors in connection with our private placement completed on June 13, 2007;
- A warrant to purchase up to 300,000 shares of our common stock at an exercise price of \$4.00 per share issued to Kingsbridge Capital Limited on December 15, 2008 in connection with our committed equity financing facility;
- Warrants to purchase an aggregate of 395,246 shares of our common stock at an exercise price of \$39.27 per share, originally issued by Cell Genesys, Inc. to various institutional investors in connection with Cell Genesys's registered direct offering completed on April 11, 2007, which warrants were assumed by us and converted into warrants to purchase shares of our common stock in connection with our merger with Cell Genesys on October 14, 2009;
- Warrants to purchase an aggregate of 2,640,000 shares of our common stock at an exercise price of \$2.50 per share issued to various institutional investors and our placement agent in connection with our registered direct offering completed on August 13, 2009;
- Warrants to purchase an aggregate of 5,202,313 shares of our common stock at an exercise price of \$2.08 per share issued to various institutional investors in connection with our registered direct offering completed on March 8, 2010;

- Warrants to purchase an aggregate of 208,093 shares of our common stock at an exercise price of \$2.16 per share issued to our placement agent in connection with our registered direct offering completed on March 8, 2010; and
- Warrants to purchase an aggregate of 426,667 shares of our common stock at exercise prices ranging from \$2.00 per share to \$8.00 per share issued to investor and public relations vendors in 2007, 2008 and 2009.

General

We may issue warrants for the purchase of common stock or preferred stock in one or more series. We may issue warrants independently or together with common stock or preferred stock, and the warrants may be attached to or separate from these securities.

We will evidence each series of warrants by warrant certificates that we will issue under a separate agreement. We may enter into a warrant agreement with a warrant agent. If we elect to do so, the warrant agent will act solely as our agent in connection with the warrants and will not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust for or with any registered holders of warrants or beneficial owners of warrants. We will indicate the name and address and other information regarding the warrant agent in the applicable prospectus supplement relating to a particular series of warrants if we elect to use a warrant agent.

We will describe in the applicable prospectus supplement the terms of the series of warrants, including:

- the offering price and aggregate number of warrants offered;
- the currency for which the warrants may be purchased;
- if applicable, the designation and terms of the securities with which the warrants are issued and the number of warrants issued with each such security or each principal amount of such security;
- if applicable, the date on and after which the warrants and the related securities will be separately transferable;

- the number of shares of common stock or preferred stock, as the case may be, purchasable upon the exercise of one warrant and the price at which these shares may be purchased upon such exercise;
- the effect of any merger, consolidation, sale or other disposition of our business on the warrant agreement and the warrants;
- the terms of any rights to redeem or call the warrants;
- any provisions for changes to or adjustments in the exercise price or number of securities issuable upon exercise of the warrants;
- the dates on which the right to exercise the warrants will commence and expire;
- the manner in which the warrant agreement and warrants may be modified;

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- if applicable, material U.S. federal income tax consequences of holding or exercising the warrants;
- the terms of the securities issuable upon exercise of the warrants;
- the identify of the warrant agent for the warrants and of any other depositaries, execution or paying agents, transfer agents, registrars or other agents;
- the proposed listing, if any, of the warrants or any securities purchasable upon exercise of the warrants on any securities exchange;
- the anti-dilution provisions of the warrants, if any;
- any redemption or call provisions; and
- any other specific terms, preferences, rights or limitations of or restrictions on the warrants.

Before exercising their warrants, holders of warrants will not have any of the rights of holders of the securities purchasable upon such exercise, including the right to receive dividends, if any, or, payments upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up or to exercise voting rights, if any.

Exercise of Warrants

Each warrant will entitle the holder to purchase the securities that we specify in the applicable prospectus supplement at the exercise price that we describe in the applicable prospectus supplement. Unless we otherwise specify in the applicable prospectus supplement, holders of the warrants may exercise the warrants at any time up to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date that we set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. After the close of business on the expiration date, unexercised warrants will become void.

Holders of the warrants may exercise the warrants by delivering the warrant certificate representing the warrants to be exercised together with specified information, and paying the required amount to the warrant agent in immediately available funds, as provided in the applicable prospectus supplement. We will set forth on the reverse side of the warrant certificate and in the applicable prospectus supplement the information that the holder of the warrant will be required to deliver to the warrant agent.

Upon receipt of the required payment and the warrant certificate properly completed and duly executed at the corporate trust office of the warrant agent or any other office indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will issue and deliver the securities purchasable upon such exercise. If fewer than all of the warrants represented by the warrant certificate are exercised, then we will issue a new warrant certificate for the remaining amount of warrants. If we so indicate in the applicable prospectus supplement, holders of the warrants may surrender securities as all or part of the exercise price for warrants.

Enforceability of Rights by Holders of Warrants

Each warrant agent will act solely as our agent under the applicable warrant agreement and will not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust with any holder of any warrant. A single bank or trust company may act as warrant agent for more than one issue of warrants. A warrant agent will have no duty or responsibility in case of any default by us under the applicable warrant agreement or warrant,

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including any duty or responsibility to initiate any proceedings at law or otherwise, or to make any demand upon us. Any holder of a warrant may, without the consent of the related warrant agent or the holder of any other warrant, enforce by appropriate legal action its right to exercise, and receive the securities purchasable upon exercise of, its warrants.

DESCRIPTION OF UNITS

The following description, together with the additional information we may include in any applicable prospectus supplements, summarizes the material terms and provisions of the units that we may offer under this prospectus and any related unit agreements and unit certificates. While the terms summarized below will apply generally to any units that we may offer, we will describe the particular terms of any series of units in more detail in the applicable prospectus supplement. If we indicate in the prospectus supplement, the terms of any units offered under that prospectus supplement may differ from the terms described below.

We will file as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, or will incorporate by reference from reports that we file with the SEC, any form of unit agreement that describes the terms of the series of units we are offering, and any supplemental agreements, before the issuance of the related series of units. The following summaries of material terms and provisions of the units are subject to, and qualified in their entirety by reference to, all the provisions of such unit agreements and any supplemental agreements applicable to a particular series of units. We urge you to read the applicable prospectus supplements related to the particular series of units that we may offer under this prospectus and the complete unit agreement and any supplemental agreements that contain the terms of the units.

General

We may issue, in one or more series, units comprised of shares of our common stock or preferred stock and warrants to purchase common stock or preferred stock or any combination. Each unit will be issued so that the holder of the unit is also the holder of each security included in the unit. Thus, the holder of a unit will have the rights and obligations of a holder of each included security. The unit agreement under which a unit is issued may provide that the securities included in the unit may not be held or transferred separately, at any time or at any time before a specified date.

We may evidence units by unit certificates that we issue under a separate agreement. We may issue the units under a unit agreement between us and one or more unit agents. If we elect to enter into a unit agreement with a unit agent, the unit agent will act solely as our agent in connection with the units and will not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust for or with any registered holders of units or beneficial owners of units. We will indicate the name and address and other information regarding the unit agent in the applicable prospectus supplement relating to a particular series of units if we elect to use a unit agent.

We will describe in the applicable prospectus supplement the terms of the series of units being offered, including:

- the designation and terms of the units and of the securities comprising the units, including whether and under what circumstances those securities may be held or transferred separately;
- any provisions of the governing unit agreement that differ from those described below; and
- any provisions for the issuance, payment, settlement, transfer or exchange of the units or of the securities comprising the units.

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The other provisions regarding our common stock, preferred stock and warrants as described in this section will apply to each unit to the extent such unit consists of shares of our common stock and preferred stock and warrants to purchase our common stock.

Enforceability of Rights by Holders of Units

Each unit agent will act solely as our agent under the applicable unit agreement and will not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust with any holder of any unit. A single bank or trust company may act as unit agent for more than one series of units. A unit agent will have no duty or responsibility in case of any default by us under the applicable unit agreement or unit, including any duty or responsibility to initiate any proceedings at law or otherwise, or to make any demand upon us. Any holder of a unit may, without the consent of the related unit agent or the holder of any other unit, enforce by appropriate legal action its rights as holder under any security included in the unit.

ANTI-TAKEOVER EFFECTS OF PROVISIONS OF OUR CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION, OUR BYLAWS AND DELAWARE LAW

Some provisions of our certificate of incorporation and bylaws and Delaware law contain provisions that could make the following transactions more difficult: acquisition of us by means of a tender offer; acquisition of us by means of a proxy contest or otherwise; or removal of our incumbent officers and directors. It is possible that these provisions could make it more difficult to accomplish or could deter transactions that stockholders may otherwise consider to be in their best interest or in our best interests, including transactions that might result in a premium over the market price for our shares.

These provisions, summarized below, are designed to discourage coercive takeover practices and inadequate takeover bids. These provisions also are designed to encourage persons seeking to acquire control of us to first negotiate with our board of directors. We believe that the benefits of increased protection of our potential ability to negotiate with the proponent of an unfriendly or unsolicited proposal to acquire or restructure us outweigh the disadvantages of discouraging these proposals because negotiation of these proposals could result in an improvement of their terms.

Authorized But Unissued Capital Stock

We have shares of common stock, class C special stock and undesignated preferred stock available for future issuance without stockholder approval, subject to any limitations imposed by the listing standards of the Nasdaq Global Market. We may use these additional shares for a variety of corporate purposes, including for future public offerings to raise additional capital or to facilitate corporate acquisitions or for payment as a dividend on our capital stock. The existence of unissued and unreserved capital stock may enable our board of directors to issue shares to persons friendly to current management that could render more difficult or discourage a third-party attempt to obtain control of us by means of a merger, tender offer, proxy contest or otherwise, thereby protecting the continuity of our management. In addition, the ability to authorize undesignated preferred stock makes it possible for our board of directors to issue preferred stock with voting or other rights or preferences that could impede the success of any attempt to change control of us. These and other provisions may have the effect of deferring hostile takeovers or delaying changes in control or management of our company.

Stockholder Meetings

Our bylaws provide that a special meeting of stockholders may be called only by our chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer, or by our board of directors.

Requirements for Advance Notification of Stockholder Nominations and Proposals

Our bylaws establish advance notice procedures with respect to stockholder proposals and the nomination of candidates for election as directors, other than nominations made by or at the direction of the board of directors or a committee of the board of directors.

No Cumulative Voting Rights

Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws do not provide for cumulative voting rights. The holders of a plurality of the shares of our common stock and class C special stock entitled to vote in any election of directors, voting together as a single class, can elect all of the directors standing for election, if they so choose.

Delaware Anti-Takeover Statute

We are subject to Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law. This law prohibits a publicly-held Delaware corporation from engaging in any business combination with any interested stockholder for a period of three years following the date that the stockholder became an interested stockholder unless:

- prior to the date of the transaction, the board of directors of the corporation approved either the business combination or the transaction which resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder;
- upon consummation of the transaction which resulted in the stockholder becoming an interested stockholder, the interested stockholder owned at least 85% of the voting stock of the corporation outstanding at the time the transaction commenced, excluding for purposes of determining the number of shares outstanding those shares owned by persons who are directors and also officers and by employee stock plans in which employee participants do not have the right to determine confidentially whether shares held subject to the plan will be tendered in a tender or exchange offer; or
- on or subsequent to the date of the transaction, the business combination is approved by the board of directors and authorized at an annual or special meeting of stockholders, and not by written consent, by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the outstanding voting stock which is not owned by the interested stockholder.

Section 203 defines “business combination” to include:

- any merger or consolidation involving the corporation and the interested stockholder;
- any sale, transfer, pledge or other disposition of 10% or more of our assets involving the interested stockholder;
- in general, any transaction that results in the issuance or transfer by us of any of our stock to the interested stockholder; or
- the receipt by the interested stockholder of the benefit of any loans, advances, guarantees, pledges or other financial benefits provided by or through the corporation.

In general, Section 203 defines an interested stockholder as any entity or person beneficially owning 15% or more of the outstanding voting stock of the corporation and any entity or person affiliated with or controlling or otherwise controlled by the entity or person.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell the securities offered by this prospectus in one or more of the following ways from time to time:

- to or through underwriters or dealers; or
- directly to purchasers, including our affiliates, or to a single purchaser.
- through one or more agents;
- through a block trade in which the broker or dealer engaged to handle the block will attempt to sell the securities as agent, but may position and resell a portion of the block as principal to facilitate the transaction; or
- through a combination of any of these methods of sale.

In addition, we may issue the securities being offered by this prospectus as a dividend or distribution.

We may effect the distribution of the securities from time to time in one or more transactions at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed from time to time, at market prices prevailing at the time of sale, at prices related to prevailing market prices or at negotiated prices.

We will set forth in a prospectus supplement the terms of the offering of our securities, including:

- the type and amount of securities we are offering;
- the purchase price of our securities being offered and the net proceeds we will receive from the sale;

- the method of distribution of the securities we are offering;
- the name or names of any agents, underwriters or dealers;
- any over-allotment options under which underwriters may purchase additional securities from us;
- any underwriting discounts and commissions or agency fees and commissions and other items constituting underwriters' or agents' compensation;
- any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers; and
- any securities exchanges on which such securities may be listed.

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Sale Through Underwriters or Dealers

If we use an underwriter or underwriters in the sale of securities offered by this prospectus, the underwriters will acquire the securities for their own account, including through underwriting, purchase, security lending or repurchase agreements with us. The underwriters may resell the securities from time to time in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions. Underwriters may sell the securities in order to facilitate transactions in any of our other securities (described in this prospectus or otherwise), including other public or private transactions and short sales. Underwriters may offer securities to the public either through underwriting syndicates represented by one or more managing underwriters or directly by one or more firms acting as underwriters. Unless otherwise indicated in the prospectus supplement, the obligations of the underwriters to purchase the securities will be subject to certain conditions, and the underwriters will be obligated to purchase all the offered securities if they purchase any of them. The underwriters may change from time to time any public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers.

If we use an underwriter or underwriters in the sale of securities, we will execute an underwriting agreement with the underwriter or underwriters at the time we reach an agreement for sale. We will set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement the names of the specific managing underwriter or underwriters, as well as any other underwriters, and the terms of the transactions, including compensation of the underwriters and dealers. This compensation may be in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions.

In compliance with the guidelines of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, or FINRA, the aggregate maximum discount, commission, agency fees, or other items constituting underwriting compensation to be received by any FINRA member or independent broker-dealer will not exceed 8% of any offering pursuant to this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement; however, we anticipate that the maximum commission or discount to be received in any particular offering of securities will be significantly less than this amount.

No FINRA member may participate in any offering of securities made under this prospectus if such member has a conflict of interest under FINRA Rule 2720, including if 5% or more of the net proceeds, not including underwriting compensation, of any offering of securities made under this prospectus will be received by a FINRA member participating in the offering or affiliates or associated persons of such FINRA members, unless a qualified independent underwriter has participated in the offering or the offering otherwise complies with FINRA Rule 2720.

We may grant to the underwriters options to purchase additional securities to cover over-allotments, if any, at the public offering price with additional underwriting discounts or commissions. If we grant any over-allotment option, the terms of any over-allotment option will be set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to those securities.

Sale Through Dealers

If we use dealers in the sale of the securities offered by this prospectus, we or an underwriter will sell the securities to them as principals. The dealers may then resell those securities to the public at varying prices to be determined by the dealers at the time of resale. The applicable prospectus supplement will set forth the names of the dealers and the terms of the transactions.

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Direct Sales

We may directly solicit offers to purchase the securities offered by this prospectus. In this case, no underwriters or agents would be involved. We may sell the securities directly to institutional investors or others who may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act with respect to any sale of those securities. The terms of any such sales will be described in the prospectus supplement.

Sales Through Agents

Securities also may be offered and sold through agents designated from time to time. The prospectus supplement will name any agent involved in the offer or sale of the securities and will describe any commissions payable to the agent. Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, any agent will agree to use its reasonable best efforts to solicit purchases for the period of its appointment. Any agent may be deemed to be an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act with respect to any sale of those securities.

Delayed Delivery Contracts

If the applicable prospectus supplement indicates, we may authorize agents, underwriters or dealers to solicit offers from institutions to purchase securities at the public offering price under delayed delivery contracts. These contracts would provide for payment and delivery on a specified date in the future. Institutions with which contracts of this type may be made include commercial and savings banks, insurance companies, pension funds, investment companies, educational and charitable institutions, but in all cases those institutions must be approved by us. The obligations of any purchaser under any contract of this type will be subject to the condition that the purchase of the securities shall not at the time of delivery be prohibited under the laws of the jurisdiction to which the purchaser is subject. The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the commission payable for solicitation of those contracts.

Market Making, Stabilization and Other Transactions

Our common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Global Market. Any common stock sold pursuant to a prospectus supplement will be eligible for listing and trading on the Nasdaq Global Market, subject to official notice of issuance. Unless the applicable prospectus supplement states otherwise, each other class or series of securities issued will be a new issue and will have no established trading market. We may elect to list any other class or series of securities on an exchange, but we are not currently obligated to do so. Any underwriters that we use in the sale of offered securities may make a market in such securities, but may discontinue such market making at any time without notice. Therefore, we cannot assure you that the securities will have a liquid trading market.

Any underwriter may also engage in stabilizing transactions, syndicate covering transactions and penalty bids in accordance with Regulation M under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Stabilizing transactions involve bids to purchase the underlying security in the open market for the purpose of pegging, fixing or maintaining the price of the securities. Syndicate covering transactions involve purchases of the securities in the open market after the distribution has been completed in order to cover syndicate short positions.

Penalty bids permit the underwriters to reclaim a selling concession from a syndicate member when the securities originally sold by the syndicate member are purchased in a syndicate covering transaction to cover syndicate short positions. Stabilizing transactions, syndicate covering transactions and penalty bids may cause the price of the securities to be higher than it would be in the absence of the transactions. The underwriters may, if they commence these transactions, discontinue them at any time.

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The effect of these transactions may be to stabilize or maintain the market price of the securities at a level above that which might otherwise prevail in the open market. Such transactions, if commenced, may be discontinued at any time. We make no representation or prediction as to the direction or magnitude of any effect that the transactions described above, if implemented, may have on the price of our securities.

Derivative Transactions and Hedging

We, the underwriters or other agents may engage in derivative transactions involving the securities. These derivatives may consist of short sale transactions and other hedging activities. The underwriters or agents may acquire a long or short position in the securities, hold or resell securities acquired and purchase options or futures on the securities and other derivative instruments with returns linked to or related to changes in the price of the securities. In order to facilitate these derivative transactions, we may enter into security lending or repurchase agreements with the underwriters or agents. The underwriters or agents may effect the derivative transactions through sales of the securities to the public, including short sales, or by lending the securities in order to facilitate short sale transactions by others. The underwriters or agents may also use the securities purchased or borrowed from us or others (or, in the case of derivatives, securities received from us in settlement of those derivatives) to directly or indirectly settle sales of the securities or close out any related open borrowings of the securities.

Electronic Auctions

We also may make sales through the Internet or through other electronic means. Since we may from time to time elect to offer securities directly to the public, with or without the involvement of agents, underwriters or dealers, utilizing the Internet or other forms of electronic bidding or ordering systems for the pricing and allocation of such securities, you will want to pay particular attention to the description of that system we will provide in a prospectus supplement.

Such electronic system may allow bidders to directly participate, through electronic access to an auction site, by submitting conditional offers to buy that are subject to acceptance by us, and which may directly affect the price or other terms and conditions at which such securities are sold. These bidding or ordering systems may present to each bidder, on a so-called "real-time" basis, relevant information to assist in making a bid, such as the clearing spread at which the offering would be sold, based on the bids submitted, and whether a bidder's individual bids would be accepted, prorated or rejected. Of course, many pricing methods can and may also be used.

Upon completion of such an electronic auction process, securities will be allocated based on prices bid, terms of bid or other factors. The final offering price at which securities would be sold and the allocation of securities among bidders would be based in whole or in part on the results of the Internet or other electronic bidding process or auction.

General Information

Agents, underwriters, and dealers may be entitled, under agreements entered into with us, to indemnification by us against specified liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or to contribution by us to payments they may be required to make in respect to such liabilities. The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms and conditions of indemnification or contribution. Some of our agents, underwriters, and dealers, or their affiliates, may be customers of, engage in transactions with or perform services for us, in the ordinary course of business. We will describe in the prospectus supplement the nature of any such relationship and the name of the parties involved. Any lockup arrangements will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the securities offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly LLP.

EXPERTS

The financial statements incorporated in this Prospectus by reference from the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K have been audited by Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report, which is incorporated herein by reference. Such financial statements have been so incorporated in reliance upon the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We are a public company and file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission. You may read and copy any document we file at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. You can request copies of these documents by writing to the SEC and paying a fee for the copying cost. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for more information about the operation of the public reference room. Our SEC filings are also available to the public at the SEC's web site at <http://www.sec.gov>.

Our common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Global Market. Reports and other information concerning BioSante may also be inspected at the offices of the Nasdaq OMX Group, Inc., 9600 Blackwell Road, Rockville, MD 20850 or on the Nasdaq OMX Group, Inc. website at <http://www.nasdaq.com>.

We also file annual audited and interim unaudited financial statements, proxy statements and other information with the Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia Securities Commissions. Copies of these documents that are filed through the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval "SEDAR" of the Canadian Securities Administrators are available at its web site <http://www.sedar.com>.

In addition, we maintain a web site that contains information regarding our company, including copies of reports, proxy statements and other information we file with the SEC. The address of our web site is www.biosantepharma.com. Except for the documents specifically incorporated by reference into this prospectus, information contained on our website or that can be accessed through our website does not constitute a part of this prospectus. We have included our website address only as an inactive textual reference and do not intend it to be an active link to our website.

We have filed a registration statement on Form S-3 with the SEC for the common stock offered by the selling stockholder under this prospectus. This prospectus does not include all of the information contained in the registration statement. You should refer to the registration statement and its exhibits for additional information that is not contained in this prospectus. Whenever we make reference in this prospectus to any of our contracts, agreements or other documents, you should refer to the exhibits attached to the registration statement for copies of the actual contract, agreement or other document. You may:

- inspect a copy of this prospectus, including the exhibits and schedules, without charge at the public reference room;
- obtain a copy from the SEC upon payment of the fees prescribed by the SEC; or

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- obtain a copy from the SEC website.

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" into this prospectus the information contained in the documents we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus, and later information that we file with the SEC will update and supersede this information. We are incorporating by reference the following documents into this prospectus:

- our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 (including information specifically incorporated by reference into our Form 10-K from our definitive proxy statement for our 2010 annual meeting of stockholders);
- our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2010;
- our current reports on Form 8-K as filed with the SEC on March 5, 2010 and May 3, 2010; and
- the description of our common stock contained in our registration statement on Form 8-A and any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

We also are incorporating by reference any future filings we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 after the date of this prospectus and prior to the termination of the offering of the securities to which this prospectus relates. In addition, we also are incorporating by reference any future filings we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 after the date of the initial registration statement of which this prospectus is a part and prior to effectiveness of such registration statement. In no event, however, will any of the information that we "furnish" to the SEC in any current report on Form 8-K or any other report or filing be incorporated by reference into, or otherwise included in, this prospectus.

You may access our annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, proxy statement, and amendments, if any, to those documents filed or furnished pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act with the SEC free of charge at the SEC's website or our website as soon as reasonably practicable after such material is electronically filed with, or furnished to, the SEC. Except for the documents specifically incorporated by reference into this prospectus, information contained on our website or that can be accessed through our website does not

constitute a part of this prospectus. We have included our website address only as an inactive textual reference and do not intend it to be an active link to our website.

You may request a copy of these filings, at no cost, by writing to Phillip B. Donenberg, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary, BioSante Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 111 Barclay Boulevard, Lincolnshire, Illinois 60069, by telephone at (847) 478-0500 ext. 101 or by email at pdonenberg@biosantepharm.com.

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PART II

INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.

The following table sets forth the expenses to be incurred and payable by the registrant in connection with the issuance and distribution of the securities being registered, other than underwriting discounts and commissions, if any. All such expenses are estimated except for the SEC registration fee.

SEC registration fee	\$	5,348
Legal fees and expenses		30,000
Accounting fees and expenses		25,000
FINRA and blue sky fees and expenses		10,000
Printing expenses		3,000
Transfer agent fees and expenses		2,000
Miscellaneous		2,000
*Total	\$	<u>77,348</u>

Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

BioSante's Certificate of Incorporation limits the liability of its directors to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law. Specifically, Article VII of BioSante's Certificate of Incorporation provides that no director of BioSante shall be personally liable to BioSante or its stockholders for monetary damages for any breach of fiduciary duty by such a director as a director, except to the extent provided by applicable law (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to BioSante or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) pursuant to Section 174 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, or (iv) for any transaction from which such director derived an improper personal benefit. If the Delaware General Corporation Law is amended to authorize corporate action further eliminating or limiting the personal liability of directors, then the liability of a director of BioSante shall be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law as so amended. No amendment to or repeal of Article VII shall apply to or have any effect on the liability or alleged liability of any director of BioSante for or with respect to any acts or omissions of such director occurring prior to such amendment or repeal.

BioSante's Certificate of Incorporation provides for indemnification of BioSante's directors and officers. Specifically, Article VI provides that BioSante shall indemnify, to the fullest extent authorized or permitted by law, as the same exists or may thereafter be amended, any person who was or is made or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of BioSante), by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director or officer of BioSante, or is or was serving at the request of BioSante as a director, officer, employee or agent of any other company, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise; provided, however, that BioSante shall not indemnify any director or officer in connection with any action by such director or officer against BioSante unless BioSante shall have consented to such action. BioSante may, to the extent authorized from time to time by

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indemnification provided thereunder with respect to any acts or omission occurring prior to such amendment or repeal.

BioSante has entered into agreements with its directors and officers regarding indemnification, in addition to indemnification provided for in BioSante's Certificate of Incorporation, Bylaws and the Delaware General Corporation Law and intends to enter into indemnification agreements with any new directors and officers in the future. Under these agreements, BioSante is required to indemnify its current and former directors and officers against expenses, judgments, penalties, fines, settlements and other amounts actually and reasonably incurred, including expenses of a derivative action, in connection with an actual or threatened proceeding if any of them may be made a party because he or she is or was one of BioSante's directors or officers. BioSante will be obligated to pay these amounts only if the director or officer acted in good faith and in a manner that he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to BioSante's best interests. With respect to any criminal proceeding, BioSante will be obligated to pay these amounts only if the director or officer had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. The indemnification agreements also set forth procedures that will apply in the event of a claim for indemnification.

BioSante maintains an insurance policy for its directors and officers pursuant to which its directors and officers are insured against liability for certain actions in their capacity as directors and officers of BioSante.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to BioSante's directors, officers or persons controlling BioSante pursuant to the foregoing provisions, BioSante is aware that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission that this indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is therefore unenforceable.

Item 16. Exhibits.

See the Exhibit Index attached to this registration statement that is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 17. Undertakings.

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

- (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
 - (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
 - (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no

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more than 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement.

- (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (a)(1)(ii) and (a)(1)(iii) of this section do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement. paragraphs (1)(i), (1)(ii) and (1)(iii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of this Registration Statement.

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
- (4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:
 - (i) If the registrant is relying on Rule 430B

- A. Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and
- B. Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration

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statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date;

- (ii) If the registrant is relying on Rule 430C, each prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) as part of a registration statement relating to an offering, other than registration statements relying on Rule 430B or other than prospectuses filed in reliance on Rule 430A, shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the date it is first used after effectiveness. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such first use, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such date of first use.
- (5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities:

The undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

- (i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;
- (ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;
- (iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and
- (iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to section 13(a) or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

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Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that:

- (1) For purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b) (1) or (4) or 497(h) under the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of this registration statement as of the time it was declared effective.

(2) For the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements of filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Lincolnshire, State of Illinois on May 21, 2010.

BIOSANTE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By /s/ Stephen M. Simes
 Stephen M. Simes
 Vice Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

By /s/ Phillip B. Donenberg
 Phillip B. Donenberg
 Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this amendment has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated, on the dates indicated.

<u>Name and Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ Stephen M. Simes</u> Stephen M. Simes	Vice Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	May 21, 2010
<u>/s/ Phillip B. Donenberg</u> Phillip B. Donenberg	Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	May 21, 2010
<u>*</u> Louis W. Sullivan, M.D.	Chairman of the Board	May 21, 2010

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<u>Name and Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>*</u> Fred Holubow	Director	May 21, 2010
<u>*</u> Peter Kjaer	Director	May 21, 2010
<u>*</u> Ross Mangano	Director	May 21, 2010
<u>*</u> John T. Potts, Jr., M.D.	Director	May 21, 2010
<u>*</u> Edward C. Rosenow, III, M.D.	Director	May 21, 2010
<u>*</u> Stephen A. Sherwin, M.D.	Director	May 21, 2010
<u>* By /s/ Stephen M. Simes</u> Stephen M. Simes	Attorney-in-Fact	May 21, 2010

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BIOSANTE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.
REGISTRATION STATEMENT ON FORM S-3
EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description	Method of Filing
1.1	Form of Underwriting Agreement	If applicable, to be filed by BioSante as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference
1.2	Form of Placement Agent Agreement	If applicable, to be filed by BioSante as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference
4.1	Restated Certificate of Incorporation of BioSante Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to BioSante's Current Report on Form 8-K as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 14, 2009 (File No. 001-31812)
4.2	Bylaws of BioSante Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to BioSante's Registration Statement on Form SB-2, as amended (Reg. No. 333-64218)
4.3	Specimen Stock Certificate Representing Common Stock of BioSante Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to BioSante's Registration Statement on Form S-3, as amended (Reg. No. 333-105960)
4.4	Certificate of Designations for Preferred Stock	If applicable, to be filed by BioSante as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference
4.5	Form of Stock Certificate Representing Preferred Stock of BioSante Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	If applicable, to be filed by BioSante as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference
4.6	Form of Warrant Agreement, including Form of Warrant	If applicable, to be filed by BioSante as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference
4.7	Form of Warrant Certificate	If applicable, to be filed by BioSante as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference
4.8	Form of Unit Agreement, including Form of Unit	If applicable, to be filed by BioSante as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference

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Exhibit No.	Description	Method of Filing
4.9	Indenture, dated as of October 20, 2004, between Cell Genesys, Inc. and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Cell Genesys, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-3 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 29, 2004 (File No. 000-19986)
4.10	Supplemental Indenture dated as of October 14, 2009 to Indenture dated as of October 20, 2004, by and between BioSante Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and U.S. Bank National Association, Relating to Cell Genesys, Inc. 3.125% Convertible Senior Subordinated Notes due 2011	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to BioSante's Current Report on Form 8-K as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 14, 2009 (File No. 001-31812)
4.11	Indenture, dated as of June 24, 2009, between Cell Genesys, Inc. and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Cell Genesys, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 29, 2009 (File No. 000-19986)
4.12	Supplemental Indenture dated as of October 14, 2009 to Indenture dated as of June 24, 2009, by and between BioSante Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and U.S. Bank National Association, Relating to Cell Genesys, Inc. 3.125% Convertible Senior Subordinated Notes due 2013	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to BioSante's Current Report on Form 8-K as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 14, 2009 (File No. 001-31812)
4.13	Form of Warrant issued in connection with the July 2006 Private Placement	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to BioSante's Current Report on Form 8-K as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 24, 2006 (File No. 001-31812)
4.14	Form of Warrant issued in connection with the June 2007 Private Placement	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to BioSante's Current Report on Form 8-K as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 14, 2007 (File No. 001-31812)
4.15	Common Stock Purchase Agreement dated as of December 15, 2008 between BioSante Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Kingsbridge Capital Limited	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to BioSante's Current Report on Form 8-K as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 18, 2008 (File No. 001-31812)

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<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Method of Filing</u>
4.16	Amendment No. 1 to Common Stock Purchase Agreement dated as of March 24, 2010 between BioSante Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Kingsbridge Capital Limited	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.39 to BioSante's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009 (File No. 001-31812)
4.17	Registration Rights Agreement dated as of December 15, 2008 between BioSante Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Kingsbridge Capital Limited	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to BioSante's Current Report on Form 8-K as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 18, 2008 (File No. 001-31812)
4.18	Amendment dated as of June 26, 2009 Registration Rights Agreement dated as of December 15, 2008 between BioSante Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Kingsbridge Capital Limited	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to BioSante's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2009 (File No. 001-31812)
4.19	Warrant to Purchase Common Stock issued to Kingsbridge Capital Limited on December 15, 2008	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to BioSante's Current Report on Form 8-K as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 18, 2008 (File No. 001-31812)
4.20	Form of Common Stock Purchase Warrant issued by BioSante Pharmaceuticals, Inc. to Investors and the Placements Agent in the August 2009 Registered Direct Offering	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to BioSante's Form 8-K as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 14, 2009 (File No. 001-31812)
4.21	Form of Replacement Warrant issued by BioSante Pharmaceuticals, Inc. to Investors in Cell Genesys, Inc.'s April 2007 Registered Direct Offering	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Cell Genesys's Form 8-K as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 11, 2007 (File No. 000-19986)
4.22	Form of Common Stock Purchase Warrant issued by BioSante Pharmaceuticals, Inc. to Investors and the Placements Agent in the March 2010 Registered Direct Offering	Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to BioSante's Form 8-K as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 5, 2010 (File No. 001-31812)
5.1	Opinion of Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly LLP	Previously filed
23.1	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm	Filed herewith
23.2	Consent of Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly LLP	Included as part of Exhibit 5.1
24.1	Power of Attorney	Previously filed

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Pre-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement No. 333-166859 on Form S-3 of our report dated March 29, 2010, relating to the financial statements of BioSante Pharmaceuticals, Inc., appearing in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of BioSante Pharmaceuticals, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2009, and to the reference to us under the heading "Experts" in the Prospectus, which is part of this Registration Statement.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Chicago, Illinois
May 21, 2010
