April 15, 2021

David Southwell Chief Executive Officer TScan Therapeutics, Inc. 830 Winter Street Waltham, MA 02451

Re: TScan Therapeutics,

Inc.

Draft Registration

Statement on Form S-1

Submitted March 19,

2021

CIK No. 0001783328

Dear Mr. Southwell:

We have reviewed your draft registration statement and have the following comments. In

some of our comments, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left$ 

understand your disclosure.

Please respond to this letter by providing the requested information and either submitting

an amended draft registration statement or publicly filing your registration statement on  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) +$ 

EDGAR. If you do not believe our comments apply to your facts and circumstances or do not

believe an amendment is appropriate, please tell us why in your response.

 $\qquad \qquad \text{After reviewing the information you provide in response to these comments and your } \\$ 

amended draft registration statement or filed registration statement, we may have additional

comments.

Draft Registration Statement on Form S-1, Submitted March 19, 2021

Overview, page 1

1. Please revise the "Overview" section on page 1 of the Summary to highlight that your operations are preclinical in nature.

2. We note your disclosure in the Summary of your early-stage collaboration with Poseida

Therapeutics, Inc. on

pages 2 and 7, as well as in the MD&A and Business

sections. However, you

also disclose on page F-22 that you have received a nominal fee

from Poseida and do not

expect future revenues to be significant since you do not have

any remaining

performance obligations under this arrangement. Please tell us why this

disclosure is relevant

for discussion under the "Our Pipeline" heading and revise your

prospectus summary to

provide more balanced disclosure by providing a brief description David Southwell

TScan Therapeutics, Inc.

April 15, 2021

Page 2

of the material terms of your collaboration agreement with Poseida or by providing

revised disclosure as appropriate. Please also revise your related disclosure throughout the

filing as appropriate.

Our Approach, page 2

3. We refer to your disclosure on pages 4 and 114 that you believe your platform analyzing

anti-cancer T cells from a wide variety of patients will allow you to

develop highly effective TCR-T therapies. Determinations of safety and efficacy are within the sole authority of the FDA. Given the preclinical stage of your product candidates, it is premature for you to suggest that your platform and product candidates will be determined to be effective. Please revise your disclosure accordingly. Our Pipeline, page 2 We note that you have combined the column for both Phase 2 and 3 trials in your pipeline table. Please revise to include a separate column for Phase 3 trial. In addition, we note the inclusion of your TSC-102 program in the third row of your pipeline table. Given the status of development and limited disclosure on page 135 regarding this program, it seems premature to highlight this program prominently in your Summary

premature to highlight this program prominently in your Summary pipeline table.

Please remove this program from the Summary table or advise.

5. We refer to the seventh row in your pipeline table under the heading "Partnered Program"

with Novartis. We note that while you have recognized revenue from your collaboration  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right)$ 

with Novartis and expect significantly more revenue this year, your  $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Business}}$  section

disclosure does not specify the sources of revenue recognized or whether any targets have

been identified in performance of the Novartis Agreement. You also do not identify a

specific target or have milestones related to future work in the pipeline table.

Please expand your disclosure and revise the pipeline table accordingly or remove this  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) +\left($ 

 $\,$  program from the Summary table. We also refer to the fifth and sixth rows of your

pipeline table under the headings "TSC-201" and "TSC-202" and note that you do not  $\,$ 

appear to have identified specific targets. It does not appear appropriate to highlight these

 $\,$  programs in your Summary table without disclosing specified targets. Please revise

accordingly or advise.

Our History and Team, page 7

 $6.\,\,$  Please disclose whether Drs. Stephen Elledge and Tomasz Kula remain involved with the

company and, if so, in what capacity. In this regard, we note that your website indicates

that you have a scientific advisory board. If material, please include disclosure in an  $\,$ 

FirstName LastNameDavid Southwell

appropriate location that describes the role or function of your scientific advisory board,

Comapany NameTScan

and whether thereTherapeutics,

are any rules Inc.

of procedures governing this board.

Please also disclose

how members

April 15, 2021 Page 2 of any such board are compensated.

FirstName LastName

David Southwell

FirstName LastNameDavid Southwell

TScan Therapeutics, Inc.

Comapany

April NameTScan Therapeutics, Inc.

15, 2021

April 315, 2021 Page 3

Page

FirstName LastName

Use of Proceeds, page 92

7. To the extent known, please revise to identify the specific product candidates for which

you intend to use the proceeds of the offering. Please also disclose the approximate  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right$ 

amount of proceeds you intend to allocate toward each of the programs identified in the

Summary pipeline table and how far the proceeds from the offering will

allow you to  $$\operatorname{proceed}$$  with the continued development of each of your programs. Refer to Instruction 3

to Item 504 of Regulation S-K.

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Results of Operations, page 104

8. Given the importance of your research and development expenses to your operations,

please revise to include disaggregated disclosures by product candidate or indication  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right)$ 

and/or by nature of expenses incurred for each period. If you do not track expenses  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) \left( 1\right) \left($ 

separately by product candidate or indication, please disclose this

fact.

Critical Accounting Policies and Significant Judgments and Estimates Stock-Based Compensation, page 110

9. Once you have an estimated offering price or range, please explain to us how you

determined the fair value of the common stock underlying your equity issuances and the  $\,$ 

reasons for any differences between the recent valuations of your common stock leading

 $\,$  up to the IPO and the estimated offering price. This information will help facilitate our

review of your accounting for equity issuances, including stock compensation and

beneficial conversion features. Please discuss with the staff how to submit your response.
Business, page 113

10. We note your discussion in the first bullet point on page 20 of the potential side effect  ${}^{\circ}$ 

 $\,$  profile of your product candidates, such as the potential adverse side effects related to

cytokine release syndrome (CRS), neurotoxicity or rheumatologic disorders. If material,

please revise your disclosure in this section to address these potential side effects and  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right) +$ 

disclose whether you are observing any indications of these effects in your preclinical

studies to date and how the development of your potential products addresses these

potential effects.

Novel Targets Identified from Patients with Head & Neck Cancer, page 139

11. We note your disclosure that you are collaborating with investigators at the  ${\tt Dana-Farber}$ 

Cancer Institute in Boston to identify anti-cancer TCRs, and specifically T cells in tumors  $% \left( 1\right) =\left( 1\right) +\left( 1\right)$ 

of patients undergoing checkpoint inhibitor therapy. Please advise if there a collaboration  $\ \ \,$ 

agreement in place with the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, and if so, please provide a brief

description of the material terms of the arrangement and file the agreement as an exhibit to

the registration statement or explain to us why you believe you are not required to do

David Southwell

FirstName LastNameDavid Southwell

TScan Therapeutics, Inc.

Comapany

April NameTScan Therapeutics, Inc.

15, 2021

April 415, 2021 Page 4

Page

FirstName LastName

so. Refer to Item 601(b)(10) of Regulation S-K.

License and Collaboration Agreements, page 146

12. We note your disclosure that you have exclusively licensed certain patent applications

from The Brigham and Women's Hospital, Inc., which is described on page F-23 as

licensing foundational technology, and is disclosed as subject to further negotiation and

amendment. Please provide a brief description of the material terms of this agreement, as

such agreement may be amended, and file the agreement as an exhibit to

the registration statement as required by Item 601(b)(10) of Regulation S-K or tell us

material.

why it is not

Collaboration and License Agreement with Novartis, page 146

Please clarify if you or Novartis are responsible for the clinical development of any

Optioned Program under the collaboration agreement. If Novartis would be responsible

for clinical development of an Optioned Program, please advise us if the inclusion of this

partnered program in your pipeline table is the clearest way to present this program to

investors or revise your disclosure as appropriate.

14. We note your disclosure that you have partly funded your operations with revenue

received under your collaboration with Novartis on page 99. You also disclose on page

104 that the \$1.1 million in revenue recognized for the year ended December 31, 2020

was primarily associated with the Novartis Agreement and that you expect the revenue

generated under this agreement to increase significantly in 2021.

Please disclose in the

Business section the aggregate amounts received to date under the Novartis Agreement. In

your revised disclosure, please also indicate the specific source for any revenue received

under the Novartis Agreement. For example, we note that Novartis has agreed to pay an

upfront fee, reimburse you for research costs, pay fees to exercise options for up to three

target antigens, royalties, along with milestone payments.

We note your disclosure on page 147 of tiered royalties ranging from 15. mid-single to low-

double digit percentages. Please revise your disclosure to give investors a reasonable idea

of the amount of the royalty rates that does not exceed ten percentage points.

Option and Exclusive License Agreement with Qiagen, page 148

We note your disclosure on page 99 that you have partly funded your operations with

revenue received under your licensing agreement with QIAGEN Sciences, LLC. Please disclose in the Business section the aggregate amounts received to date under

the Qiagen Agreement. You also disclose that Qiagen is required to pay a low six-figure

milestone payment upon launch of the first diagnostic product. In your revised disclosure,

please disclose the aggregate future potential milestone payments to be received under this

agreement. Please also revise your disclosure to include the term of the royalties under the

Qiagen Agreement.

David Southwell

TScan Therapeutics, Inc.

April 15, 2021

Page 5

Manufacturing, page 149

We note your disclosure on page 150 that the transposon will be delivered as a

Nanoplasmid, which was developed by Nature Technology. Please disclose if you have

entered into any agreement with Nature Technology with respect to the use of their

Nanoplasmid technology. We also note that the transposon and transposae will be

manufactured by Aldevron. Please expand your disclosure on the materiality of your

arrangement with Aldevron. If material, please file any agreements as exhibits to the

registration statement or provide analysis as to why it would not be required under Item

601(b)(10) of Regulation S-K.

Intellectual Property, page 151

We note your disclosure that you own thirteen U.S. provisional patent applications that are

expected to convert to utility patent applications. Please amend your disclosure to clarify that these patent applications related to certain SARS-CoV-2 peptides are covered under your Option and Exclusive License Agreement with Qiagen in your disclosure on page 148. Please also your expand your disclosure to include the date that each of these patent applications were submitted and their expected expiration date. While you disclose that six of the thirteen patent applications are for compositions of matter, please also specify the types of patent protection for the remaining seven patent applications. 19. You disclose that you have exclusively licensed one pending U.S. patent application and five pending foreign patent applications from The Brigham and Women's Hospital, Inc. Please also clearly describe on an individual basis the expiration, the jurisdiction (where applicable) and the type of patent protection granted for each pending patent application that you exclusively license with The Brigham and Women's Hospital, Inc. We note that you also referenced seven pending patent applications under this license agreement on page 69, but have disclosed six pending patent applications elsewhere in the filing. Please confirm and revise accordingly. 20. You also disclose that your non-exclusive patent license from Provincial Health Services Authority of British Columbia to a patent family consists of one issued U.S. patent, one pending U.S. patent application and one pending foreign patent application. For the issued U.S. patent, please amend this disclosure to include the type of patent protection granted and its expiration date. For each of the pending patent applications, please amend this disclosure to include the date that these patent applications were submitted, the jurisdiction of the foreign patent application and the expected expiration date. Principal FirstNameStockholders, LastNameDavidpage Southwell Comapany 21. NameTScan Therapeutics, Please revise the footnotes Inc.table to identify the natural persons who are to your the2021 April 15, beneficial Page 5owners of the shares held by JMD III Holdings Limited. FirstName LastName David Southwell FirstName LastNameDavid Southwell TScan Therapeutics, Inc. Comapany April NameTScan Therapeutics, Inc. 15, 2021 April 615, 2021 Page 6 Page FirstName LastName General Please provide us with supplemental copies of all written communications, as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act, that you, or anyone authorized to do so on your behalf, have presented or expect to present to potential investors in reliance on Section 5(d) of the Securities Act, whether or not you retained, or intend to retain, copies of those communications. You may contact Tara Harkins at 202-551-3639 or Angela Connell at 202-551-3426 if you have questions regarding comments on the financial statements and related matters. Please

contact Jane Park at 202-551-7439 or Tim Buchmiller at 202-551-3635 with any other questions.

Sincerely,

Division of

Office of Life

Corporation Finance

Sciences

cc: Timothy H. Ehrlich, Esq.