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Warrants <sup>(4)</sup>	–	–	–	–
Shares of Common Stock underlying Warrants	7,029,808	(2) \$ 1.75	(3) \$12,302,164 <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 1,430
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,029,808</b>	<b>–</b>	<b>\$12,302,164</b>	<b>\$ 1,430</b>

Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), this Registration Statement (1) shall also cover any additional shares of the Registrant’s common stock that become issuable by reason of any stock split, stock dividends, recapitalization, or other similar transactions.

(2) Represents shares of common stock underlying warrants issued to investors in our previous registered direct offering.

(3) Represents the per share Exercise Price of the warrants described in footnote (2) above.

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**Subject to Completion, dated August 10, 2015.**

## **PROSPECTUS**

### **7,029,808 Shares of Common Stock Issuable Upon Exercise of Outstanding Warrants**

This prospectus relates to the offer and sale by us of 7,029,808 shares of our common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, that are issuable at an exercise price of \$1.75 per share from time to time upon the exercise of currently outstanding warrants that we issued in October 2014 as part of a registered direct offering. We will receive the proceeds from any cash exercises of the warrants. Each warrant is exercisable at any time until its expiration date, which date is five years from the date of issuance of the warrant. If all of the warrants are exercised, we will receive aggregate proceeds of \$12,302,164. No securities are being offered pursuant to this prospectus other than the shares of our common stock that will be issued upon exercise of those currently outstanding warrants.

**INVESTING IN OUR SECURITIES INVOLVES RISKS. SEE THE “RISK FACTORS” ON PAGE 6 OF THIS PROSPECTUS AND ANY SIMILAR SECTION CONTAINED IN THE DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE INTO THIS PROSPECTUS CONCERNING FACTORS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BEFORE INVESTING IN OUR SECURITIES.**

Our common stock is traded on NYSE MKT under the symbol “SYN”. On August 6, 2015, the last reported sale price for the common stock was \$3.10 per share. We urge prospective purchasers of our common stock to obtain current information about the market prices of our common stock.

Our executive offices are located at 9605 Medical Center Drive, Suite 270, Rockville, Maryland 20850 and our administrative offices are located at 617 Detroit Street, Suite 100, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104. Our telephone number

is (734) 332-7800.

**Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of the prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

The date of this prospectus is \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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**The registration statement containing this prospectus, including the exhibits to the registration statement, provides additional information about us and the common stock offered under this prospectus. The registration statement, including the exhibits and the documents incorporated herein by reference, can be read on the Securities and Exchange Commission website or at the Securities and Exchange Commission offices mentioned under the heading “Where You Can Find More Information.”**

## **ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS**

This prospectus is not an offer or solicitation in respect to these securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer or solicitation would be unlawful. This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). The registration statement that contains this prospectus (including the exhibits to the registration statement) contains additional information about our company and the securities offered under this prospectus. That registration statement can be read at the SEC website or at the SEC’s offices listed under the heading “Where You Can Find More Information.” We have not authorized anyone else to provide you with different information or additional information. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus, or any supplement or amendment to this prospectus, is accurate at any date other than the date indicated on the cover page of such documents.



## PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

### Our Business

We are a clinical-stage company developing therapeutics to protect the microbiome while targeting pathogen-specific diseases. Our lead candidates in Phase 2 development include SYN-004 which is designed to protect the gut microbiome (gastrointestinal (GI) microflora) from the effects of certain commonly used intravenous (IV) antibiotics for the prevention of *C. difficile* infection and antibiotic-associated diarrhea (AAD), and SYN-010 which is intended to reduce the impact of methane-producing organisms in the gut microbiome to treat the underlying cause of irritable bowel syndrome with constipation (IBS-C). In addition, we are developing a Phase 2 oral estriol drug, Trimesta™, for the treatment of relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis (MS) and cognitive dysfunction in MS, and in collaboration with Intrexon Corporation (NYSE:XON), a preclinical stage monoclonal antibody combination for the treatment of Pertussis, and novel discovery stage biotherapeutics for the treatment of phenylketonuria (PKU).

### *Product Pipeline:*

### *Summary of Microbiome Programs:*

***C. difficile* infections (CDI):** We are in clinical development of a novel second-generation oral enzyme, SYN-004, to degrade commonly used IV beta-lactam antibiotics in the GI tract, intended to protect the microbiome and prevent the development of and severe effects from CDI and AAD. CDIs are a leading type of hospital acquired infection (HAI) and are frequently associated with IV antibiotic treatment. Designed to be given orally and co-administered with certain IV beta-lactam antibiotics (e.g., penicillins and cephalosporins), SYN-004 is intended to protect the gut while the IV antibiotics fight the primary infection. SYN-004 is believed to not only have a similar profile to its first-generation predecessor, which demonstrated protection of the microbiome (gut flora) during treatment with certain penicillins, but also has the potential to protect the gut from a broader spectrum of IV beta-lactam antibiotics. Beta-lactam antibiotics are a mainstay in hospital infection management and include the commonly used penicillin and cephalosporin classes of antibiotics. SYN-004's target market is significant and represented by annual U.S. hospitals purchases of approximately 118 million doses of IV beta-lactam antibiotics which are administered to approximately 14 million patients.\* Currently there are no approved treatments designed to protect the gut microbiome from the damaging effects of IV antibiotics. This worldwide market could represent a multi-billion dollar opportunity for us. In November 2014, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) issued Patent No. 8,894,994 that has claims to compositions of matter and pharmaceutical compositions of beta-lactamases, including SYN-004, and carries a patent term to at least 2031. We also have an extensive patent estate on other aspects of this program which includes patent applications that could carry a term to at least 2035. In the fourth quarter of 2014, we initiated our randomized, double-blind placebo-controlled Phase 1a clinical trial, reported positive topline safety and

tolerability results from the Phase 1a clinical trial, and initiated the Phase 1b clinical trial evaluating multiple ascending doses of SYN-004. In February 2015, we reported positive topline results from the Phase 1b clinical trial of escalating doses of oral SYN-004, with no safety or tolerability issues reported at dose levels and dose regimens both meeting and exceeding those expected to be studied in upcoming clinical trials. In March 2015, we reported positive pharmacokinetics data from both Phase 1 clinical trials, with supportive evidence that SYN-004 should have no effect on the IV antibiotic in the bloodstream, allowing the antibiotic to fight the primary infection. In March 2015, we also initiated a Phase 2a clinical trial to evaluate the GI antibiotic-degrading effects and the safety of SYN-004. In June 2015, the first participant was dosed in a second Phase 2a clinical trial of SYN-004, to evaluate the GI antibiotic-degrading effects and the safety of SYN-004, in the presence of the proton pump inhibitor (PPI), esomeprazole. Topline data is expected from the first Phase 2a clinical trial during the third quarter of 2015, and from the second Phase 2a clinical trial during the second half of 2015. In July 2015, we reported data from the first four of 12 expected participants in the first Phase 2a open-label clinical trial; the data showed that SYN-004 degraded IV ceftriaxone in the chyme of the four healthy participants with functioning ileostomies without affecting the ceftriaxone in the bloodstream. The initiation of a Phase 2b proof-of-concept clinical trial of SYN-004 is expected in the third quarter of 2015. This randomized, placebo-controlled clinical trial is expected to enroll approximately 370 patients at up to 75 global clinical sites. An interim analysis of blinded data from the Phase 2b clinical trial is anticipated during the second half of 2015. The initiation of pivotal Phase 3 clinical trial(s) are anticipated during 2016.

This information is an estimate derived from the use of information under license from the following IMS Health \*Incorporated information service: CDM Hospital database for full year 2012. IMS expressly reserves all rights, including rights of copying, distribution and republication.

**IBS-C:** In December 2013, through our majority-owned subsidiary, Synthetic Biomics, Inc., we entered into a worldwide exclusive license agreement with Cedars-Sinai Medical Center (CSMC) for the right to develop products for therapeutic and prophylactic treatments of acute and chronic diseases, including the development of SYN-010 to target IBS-C. SYN-010 is our proprietary modified-release formulation of the classic statin, lovastatin, that is intended to reduce methane-production by certain microorganisms (*M. smithii*) in the gut while minimizing disruption to the microbiome. SYN-010 is intended to act primarily in the intestinal lumen while avoiding systemic absorption, thereby targeting the cause of IBS-C, not just the symptoms. An investigational team led by Mark Pimentel, M.D. at CSMC discovered that lovastatin may reduce the production of methane gas by certain gastrointestinal (GI) microorganisms. Methane produced by these organisms is perceived as an underlying cause of pain, bloating, and constipation associated with IBS-C, and may contribute to the pathology of other diseases. In May 2015, preclinical results were presented in a poster at Digestive Disease Week® (DDW) 2015 demonstrating that lovastatin prevented proliferation of methanogens in the small intestines of rats with minimal impact on remaining microbiome. In his practice, Dr. Pimentel translated the use of statins to reduce methane in humans by evaluating commercial lovastatin formulations in select IBS-C patients, demonstrating that lovastatin prevented methane production by methanogens in human stool. Using stringent disease diagnosis criteria to ensure market relevance and a population most likely to receive a diagnosis and prescription drug treatment, there are an estimated 40.7 million cases of IBS reported in the U.S., Europe and Japan, and it has been reported that up to 20 percent of all IBS patients have IBS-C. The estimated global sales for IBS therapeutics for 2015 are \$669.3 million, and global sales are expected to be greater than \$1.5 billion in 2023\*. A 505(b)(2) regulatory pathway is anticipated for the development of SYN-010. We licensed an intellectual property portfolio from CSMC including granted use patents and pending patent applications for SYN-010. Additional worldwide patent filings having composition of matter claims, which were recently filed by CSMC and licensed to us, could extend patent protection of SYN-010 to 2035. Our Investigational New Drug (IND) application was submitted to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in May 2015. In June 2015, we initiated our first Phase 2 placebo-controlled clinical trial of SYN-010. This clinical trial is expected to enroll approximately 60 patients who will be randomly assigned in a 1:1:1 ratio to one of three groups, including two different SYN-010 dose groups and a placebo group. Patients are scheduled to receive single oral doses of SYN-010 each day for 28 days. The primary objective of this clinical trial is to evaluate the change from baseline in breath methane, as determined by a lactulose breath test, in methane-positive patients with IBS-C after seven days of treatment with one of two formulations of SYN-010 compared with placebo. Secondary endpoints include Improvement in the number of complete spontaneous bowel movements (CSBM) per week, and improvement in abdominal pain and bloating per standard scales required per FDA guidance. We anticipate reporting topline results from the first Phase 2 clinical trial during the second half of 2015. We also anticipate initiating the second SYN-010 Phase 2 clinical trial during the second half of 2015, with topline results from this trial expected during the first half of 2016. The primary endpoint of the second Phase 2 is to evaluate the ability of SYN-010 to sustain the reduction in breath methane levels, and secondary endpoints include evaluating pain, bloating and CSBM. The initiation of pivotal Phase 3 clinical trial(s) are anticipated during 2016.

\*GlobalData, Irritable Bowel Syndrome - Global Drug Forecast and Market Analysis to 2023, December 2014

#### *Summary of Multiple Sclerosis Program:*

**Relapsing-Remitting MS:** We have licensed issued method of treatment patents in the U.S. for MS therapy with estriol and estriol combination therapies (including estriol with Copaxone®) from University of California, Los

Angeles (UCLA). In April 2014, positive Phase 2 topline efficacy and safety results was presented by the lead principal investigator of the UCLA Phase 2 investigator initiated randomized (n=158) double-blinded placebo trial which evaluated our drug candidate, Trimesta, in woman with relapsing remitting MS at 16 sites in the U.S. In September 2014, the lead principal investigator presented additional Phase 2 clinical outcome data, including more detailed results on improvements in cognitive and disability measures, at the 2014 Joint Americas and European Committees for Treatment and Research in Multiple Sclerosis Meeting (ACTRIMS-ECTRIMS) in Boston. The data as reported by the lead principal investigator for the UCLA-led Phase 2 study supported the potential of Trimesta to have a novel dual mechanism of action for both the anti-inflammatory effects that improve relapse rate, and a neuroprotective effect that improves standard measures of disability and cognition. Numerous new provisional patent applications have been filed based on the Phase 2 clinical results. This investigator-initiated Phase 2 clinical trial was supported by grants exceeding \$8 million, awarded primarily by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society (NMSS) in partnership with the NMSS's Southern California chapter, and the National Institutes of Health. Annual worldwide sales of MS therapies are forecasted to be approximately \$17.8 billion in 2019. In July 2015, through our wholly owned subsidiary, we entered into amended license and clinical trial agreements with The Regents of UCLA. We were also informed by UCLA that MRI analyses are ongoing to evaluate changes in the brain that correlate with improvements seen in clinical outcomes, and we expect to report topline MRI data 30 days following our receipt of this data from UCLA. We continue to engage the neurology community and potential strategic partners, as we determine next steps for Trimesta.

**Cognitive Dysfunction in MS:** Trimesta is also being developed for the treatment of cognitive dysfunction in female MS patients. This 12-month, UCLA-led, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled investigator-initiated Phase 2 clinical trial is being conducted at four sites in the United States. The primary endpoint is the effect on cognitive function as assessed by Paced Auditory Serial Addition Test (PASAT). Patient enrollment is ongoing. The majority of the costs of this trial are being funded by grants from foundations and charitable organizations through direct funding to the lead principal investigator and we have pledged approximately \$500,000 to UCLA to partially fund this trial, payable over three years. An estimated 50 - 65% of MS patients are expected to develop disabilities due to cognitive dysfunction and there is currently no approved treatment for this indication.

**Pertussis:** In December 2012, in collaboration with Intrexon Corporation, we initiated development of a monoclonal antibody (mAb) therapy for the treatment of Pertussis infections, more commonly known as whooping cough. Combining two mAbs, SYN-005 is designed to target and neutralize pertussis toxin as a prophylaxis for high-risk newborns and in order to reduce the mortality rate in infected infants. To further the development of this potential therapy for Pertussis, we entered into an agreement with The University of Texas at Austin (UT) to license the rights to certain research and pending patents related to pertussis antibodies. We have patents pending on compositions and uses of SYN-005 and we have an issued U.S. patent on other pertussis mAbs from UT. According to the World Health Organization, each year, *B. pertussis* infection is estimated to cause up to 300,000 deaths worldwide, primarily among unvaccinated infants. Positive preclinical research findings for SYN-005 were reported in April 2014, and again in September 2014, for our proprietary mAb combination therapy for treating Pertussis, in non-human primate studies. In September 2014 we received a U.S. Orphan Drug designation for SYN-005 for the treatment of Pertussis. In April 2015, positive preclinical findings were reported in two posters at ECCMID 2015 (European Congress of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases). We are seeking non-dilutive funding to support preclinical and clinical development of SYN-005 for prophylaxis and treatment of Pertussis, including the anticipated filing of an IND application and the anticipated initiation of a Phase 1 clinical trial.

**Phenylketonuria (PKU):** In August 2015, we entered into a third worldwide exclusive channel collaboration with Intrexon Corporation through which we intend to develop and commercialize novel biotherapeutics for the treatment of patients with PKU. We will utilize Intrexon Corporation's ActoBiotics™ platform providing a proprietary method of delivering therapeutic protein and peptides to the gastrointestinal tract through food-grade microbes. This program is in the discovery stage.

**Acinetobacter infections:** In September 2012, in collaboration with Intrexon, we initiated efforts to develop a mAb therapy for the treatment of *Acinetobacter* infections. Many strains of *Acinetobacter* are multidrug-resistant and pose an increasing global threat to hospitalized patients, wounded military personnel and those affected by natural disasters. A treatment for *Acinetobacter* infections represents a billion dollar market opportunity. This program is in the discovery stage and the generation of a panel of antibodies to treat this infection is ongoing.

All of our programs are supported by growing patent estates that we either own or exclusively license. In total, each potential product has issued patents that provide protection, and we have approximately 100 U.S. and foreign patents and over 55 U.S. and foreign patents pending.

Since our inception in January 2001, our efforts and resources have been focused primarily on acquiring and developing our product candidates, our clinical trials, raising capital, manufacturing and recruiting personnel. To date, we have financed our operations primarily through public and private sales of our common stock, and we expect to continue to seek to obtain the required capital in a similar manner. We have incurred an accumulated deficit of \$127.0 million through June 30, 2015. We cannot provide any assurance that we will be able to achieve profitability on a sustained basis, if at all, obtain the required funding, obtain the required regulatory approvals, or complete additional corporate partnering or acquisition transactions.

### ***Recent Developments***

On August 10, 2015, we expanded our relationship with Intrexon Corporation and entered into an Exclusive Channel Collaboration Agreement (the “Channel Agreement”) with Intrexon Corporation that governs a “channel collaboration” arrangement in which we will use Intrexon Corporation’s technology relating to the development and commercialization of novel biotherapeutics (a “Collaboration Product”) for the treatment of patients with PKU. We have agreed to pay Intrexon Corporation a technology access fee by the issuance of 937,500 shares of common stock, having a value equal to \$3 million as of August 7, 2015, within ten days of approval of the issuance by the NYSE MKT. In addition, upon the achievement of certain milestones, we agreed to pay Intrexon Corporation milestone payments of up to \$27 million for each product developed. We will pay Intrexon Corporation royalties on annual net sales of Collaboration Products, calculated on a product-by-product basis equal to a percent of net sales (ranging from mid-single digits on the first \$100 million of net sales to mid-teen digits on net sales in excess of \$750 million).

On July 21, 2015, we completed a public offering of 15.3 million shares of common stock, including the fully exercised over-allotment option by the underwriters covering 2.0 million shares, at an offering price of \$3.00 per share. The total gross proceeds of the offering, including the exercise in full of the over-allotment option, were approximately \$46.0 million. Net proceeds, after deducting the underwriters' discount and other estimated expenses, were approximately \$42.6 million.

On July 8, 2015, Putney Drug Corp., our subsidiary, and The Regents of UCLA, entered into an amendment to the License Agreement, dated July 11, 2005 (as amended previously), and an amendment to the Clinical Trial Agreement, dated as of April 29, 2010.

Since our inception in January 2001, our efforts and resources have been focused primarily on acquiring and developing our product candidates, our clinical trials, raising capital, manufacturing and recruiting personnel. To date, we have financed our operations primarily through public and private sales of our common stock, and we expect to continue to seek to obtain the required capital in a similar manner. We have incurred an accumulated deficit of \$127.0 million through June 30, 2015. We cannot provide any assurance that we will be able to achieve profitability on a sustained basis, if at all, obtain the required funding, obtain the required regulatory approvals, or complete additional corporate partnering or acquisition transactions.

## **Company History**

Our predecessor, Sheffield Pharmaceuticals, Inc., was incorporated in 1986, and in 2006 engaged in a reverse merger with Pipex Therapeutics, Inc., a Delaware corporation formed in 2001. After the merger, we changed our name to Pipex Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and in October 2008 we changed our name to Adeona Pharmaceuticals, Inc. On October 15, 2009, we engaged in a merger with a wholly owned subsidiary for the purpose of reincorporating in the State of Nevada. After reprioritizing our focus on the emerging area of synthetic biologics and entering into our first collaboration with Intrexon, we amended our Articles of Incorporation to change our name to Synthetic Biologics, Inc. on February 15, 2012.

## **Corporate Information**

Our executive offices are located at 9605 Medical Center Drive, Suite 270, Rockville, Maryland 20850. We also maintain an administrative and finance office in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Our telephone number is (732) 332-7800, and our website address is *www.syntheticbiologics.com*. The information contained on our website is not part of, and should not be construed as being incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement. As used in this prospectus supplement, unless the context otherwise requires, references to “Synthetic,” “we,” “us,” “our,” and similar references refer to Synthetic Biologics, Inc. and our subsidiaries.

## THE OFFERING

Common stock offered by us pursuant to this prospectus	7,029,808 shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of the warrants issued to the investors in our October 2014 registered direct offering, which are exercisable until October 2019 at an exercise price of \$1.75 per share.
Common stock to be outstanding after this offering if all of the warrants are exercised	Up to 95,544,894 shares.
Use of Proceeds	We intend to use the net proceeds of this offering for working capital and general corporate purposes. See "Use of Proceeds" for further information
Risk Factors	See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 6 of this prospectus and the other information included in, or incorporated by reference into, this prospectus for a discussion of certain factors you should carefully consider before deciding to invest in shares of our common stock.
NYSE MKT symbol	"SYN"

Except as otherwise indicated, all information in this prospectus supplement is based on 88,515,086 shares outstanding on August 6, 2015 and excludes:

7,467,762 shares of our common stock subject to options outstanding as of August 6, 2015 having a weighted-average exercise price of \$2.01 per share;

2,170,466 shares of our common stock that have been reserved for issuance in connection with future grants under our stock option plans as of August 6, 2015; and

879,091 shares of our common stock that have been reserved for issuance upon exercise of outstanding warrants as of August 6, 2015 having a weighted-average exercise price of \$2.09 per share.



## **RISK FACTORS**

*An investment in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. You should consider carefully the risks discussed under the section captioned “Risk Factors” contained in our most recent annual report on Form 10-K and in our subsequent quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, as updated by our subsequent filings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), each of which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus in its entirety, together with other information in this prospectus, and the information and documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus, and any free writing prospectus that we have authorized for use in connection with this offering before you make a decision to invest in our common stock. If any of these events actually occur, our business, operating results, prospects or financial condition could be materially and adversely affected. This could cause the trading price of our common stock to decline and you may lose all or part of your investment.*

## **SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Some of the statements contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus may include forward-looking statements that reflect our current views with respect to our ongoing and planned clinical trials, business strategy, business plan, financial performance and other future events. These statements include forward-looking statements both with respect to us, specifically, and the biotechnology sector, in general. We make these statements pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Statements that include the words “expect,” “intend,” “plan,” “believe,” “project,” “estimate,” “may,” “should,” “anticipate,” “will” and similar statements of a future or forward-looking nature identify forward-looking statements for purposes of the federal securities laws or otherwise.

All forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties, and there are or will be important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated in these statements. We believe that these factors include, but are not limited to, those factors set forth under the caption “Risk Factors” in this prospectus and under the captions “Risk Factors,” “Business,” and “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations,” in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and our subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, all of which you should review carefully. Please consider our forward-looking statements in light of those risks as you read this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or review any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.

If one or more of these or other risks or uncertainties materializes, or if our underlying assumptions prove to be incorrect, actual results may vary materially from what we anticipate. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us or individuals acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by this Note. Before purchasing any shares of common stock, you should consider carefully all of the factors set forth or referred to in this prospectus that could cause actual results to differ.

## **USE OF PROCEEDS**

If all of the warrants are exercised, we estimate that the net proceeds of this offering will be approximately \$12.3 million. We currently intend to use the net proceeds from this offering for working capital and general corporate purposes.

This expected use of the net proceeds from this offering represents our intentions based upon our current plans and business conditions.

Pending our use of the net proceeds from this offering, we intend to invest the net proceeds in a variety of capital preservation investments, including short-term, investment grade, interest bearing instruments and U.S. government securities

We cannot currently determine with absolute certainty how we will use the proceeds from this offering. As a result, our management will retain broad discretion in the allocation and use of the net proceeds from this offering. We will pay all of the costs associated with registering the securities covered by this prospectus.

**DILUTION**

If you invest in our common stock, your interest will be diluted immediately to the extent of the difference between the exercise price and the adjusted net tangible book value per share of our common stock after this offering.

Our net tangible book value on June 30, 2015 was approximately \$(13.7) million, or \$(0.19) per share. “Net tangible book value” is total assets minus the sum of liabilities and intangible assets. “Net tangible book value per share” is net tangible book value divided by the total number of shares outstanding.

After giving effect to the sale of 7,029,808 shares of common stock to investors exercising warrants for cash at \$1.75 per share our as adjusted net tangible book value as of June 30, 2015 would have been approximately \$(1.4) million, or \$(0.02) per share of common stock. This represents an immediate increase in net tangible book value of \$0.17 per share to our existing stockholders and an immediate dilution in net tangible book value of \$1.73 per share to investors exercising the warrants at a price of \$1.75 per share. The following table illustrates this dilution per share to investors participating in this offering:

Exercise price per share	\$ 1.75
Net tangible book value per share as of June 30, 2015	\$(0.19)
Increase in net tangible book value per share attributable to new investors in this offering	\$0.17
As adjusted net tangible book value per share after giving effect to this offering	\$(.02 )
Dilution per share to new investors	\$ 1.73

The above illustration of dilution per share to investors participating in this offering assumes no exercise of outstanding options to purchase our common stock or outstanding warrants to purchase shares of our common stock.

The above discussion and table are based on 73,179,305 shares of our common stock outstanding as of June 30, 2015, which does not include the following, all as of June 30, 2015:

- 7,467,762 shares issuable upon the exercise of outstanding stock options with a weighted-average exercise price of \$2.01 per share;
- 2,170,466 shares of common stock which were reserved for future equity awards that may be granted in the future under our equity incentive plans; and

- 883,779 shares of our common stock reserved for issuance upon the exercise of outstanding warrants, each with a weighted-average exercise price of \$2.08 per share.

To the extent that any of these outstanding options or warrants are exercised, there will be further dilution to new investors.

## **DIVIDEND POLICY**

We have never paid cash dividends on our common stock. Moreover, we do not anticipate paying periodic cash dividends on our common stock for the foreseeable future. We intend to use all available cash and liquid assets in the operation and growth of our business. Any future determination about the payment of dividends will be made at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend upon our earnings, if any, capital requirements, operating and financial conditions and on such other factors as our board of directors deems relevant.

## DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

### *Authorized Capital*

Our authorized capital consists of 250 million shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, and 10 million shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share. As of August 6, 2015, 88,596,568 and 88,515,086 of common stock were issued and outstanding, and no shares of preferred stock were issued and outstanding.

### *Common Stock*

We may issue shares of our common stock from time to time. Holders of shares of common stock have the right to cast one vote for each share of common stock in their name on our books, whether represented in person or by proxy, on all matters submitted to a vote of holders of common stock, including election of directors. There is no right to cumulative voting in election of directors. Except where a greater requirement is provided by statute, by our articles of incorporation, or by our bylaws, the presence, in person or by proxy duly authorized, of the one or more holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business. The vote by the holders of a majority of outstanding shares is required to effect certain fundamental corporate changes such as liquidation, merger, or amendment of our articles of incorporation. Upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, holders of our common stock are entitled to share ratably in all assets remaining after payment of liabilities and the liquidation preferences of any outstanding shares of preferred stock.

There are no restrictions in our articles of incorporation or bylaws that prevent us from declaring dividends. We have not declared any dividends, and we do not plan to declare any dividends in the foreseeable future.

Holders of shares of our common stock are not entitled to preemptive or subscription or conversion rights, and no redemption or sinking fund provisions are applicable to our common stock. All outstanding shares of common stock are, and the shares of common stock sold in the offering will when issued be fully paid and non-assessable.

## DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS

### *Warrants*

As of August 6, 2015, we had issued and outstanding a total of 7,029,808 warrants which were issued in October 2014 as a part of a registered direct offering.

*Exercisability.* Each warrant is exercisable at any time after the closing date (October 10, 2014) and expire in five years after issuance (October 10, 2019). The warrants are exercisable, at the option of each holder, in whole or in part by delivering to us a duly executed exercise notice and payment in full for the number of shares of our common stock purchased upon such exercise, except in the case of a cashless exercise as discussed below.

*Cashless Exercise.* The holder may exercise the warrant on a cashless basis. When exercised on a cashless basis, a portion of the warrant is cancelled in payment of the purchase price payable in respect of the number of shares of our common stock purchasable upon such exercise.

*Exercise Price.* Each warrant represents the right to purchase up to one half of a share of common stock at an exercise price of \$1.75 per share. The exercise price per share is subject to adjustment for stock dividends, distributions, subdivisions, combinations, or reclassifications. Subject to limited exceptions, a holder of warrants will not have the right to exercise any portion of the warrant to the extent that, after giving effect to the exercise, the holder, together with its affiliates, would beneficially own in excess of 4.99% or 9.99%, depending on the holder's initial election, of the number of shares of our common stock outstanding immediately after giving effect to its exercise. The holder may elect to increase or decrease this beneficial ownership limitation to any other percentage, but not in excess of 19.9% of the total number of issued and outstanding shares of common stock (including for such purpose the shares of common stock issuable upon such exercise), provided that any such increase or decrease will not be effective until 61 days after such written notice is delivered.

*Fundamental Transactions.* In the event we effect certain mergers, consolidations, sales of substantially all of our assets, tender or exchange offers, reclassification or share exchange in which our common stock is effectively converted into or exchanged for other securities, cash or property, we consummate a business combination in which another person acquires 50% of the outstanding shares of our common stock, or any person or group becomes the beneficial owner of 50% of the aggregate ordinary voting power represented by our issued and outstanding common stock (a "Fundamental Transaction"), then, upon any subsequent exercise of the warrants, the holders of warrants will have the right to receive any shares of the acquiring corporation or other consideration it would have been entitled to receive if it had been a holder of the number of shares of common stock then issuable upon exercise in full of the warrants. Except in connection with a Fundamental Transaction in which the consideration for each share of common stock is at least 300% of the exercise price of the warrant, we or the successor entity will, at the holder's option, purchase the unexercised portion of the warrant from the holder (i) in the case of an all cash transaction or a transaction in which the consideration consists partially of cash or securities of a successor entity to the extent of the percentage of the cash consideration, for an amount of cash equal to equal to the Black-Scholes value of the remaining unexercised portion of the warrant on the date of the consummation of the transaction and (ii) in the case of any other Fundamental Transaction or in a transaction in which the consideration consists partially of cash or securities of a successor entity to the extent the consideration is represented by securities, for a number of shares of common stock equal to the Black Scholes value of the portion of the warrant subject to redemption divided by 95% of the closing sale price of the common stock on the day preceding the date on which the Fundamental Transaction is consummated.



*Transferability.* Subject to applicable laws and restrictions, a holder may transfer a warrant upon surrender of the warrant to us with a completed and signed assignment in the form attached to the warrant. The transferring holder will be responsible for any tax liability that may arise as a result of the transfer.

*Exchange Listing.* There is no established public trading market for the warrants, and we do not expect a market to develop. In addition, we do not intend to apply for listing of the warrants on any securities exchange or recognized trading system.

*Rights as Stockholder.* Except as set forth in the warrant, the holder of a warrant, solely in such holder's capacity as a holder of a warrant, will not be entitled to vote, to receive dividends, or to any of the other rights of our stockholders.

*Amendments and Waivers.* The provisions of each warrant may be modified or amended or the provisions thereof waived with the written consent of us and the holder.



## **PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION**

The common stock referenced on the cover page of this prospectus will be offered solely by us and will be issued and sold upon the exercise of the warrants described herein. We will deliver shares of our common stock upon exercise of the warrants we issued in October 2014. These warrants are exercisable for a total of 7,029,808 shares of our common stock, and no more of these warrants will be issued. We will not issue fractional shares upon exercise of these warrants. Each of these warrants contains instructions for exercise. In order to exercise any of these warrants, the holder must deliver to us or our transfer agent the information required in the warrants, along with payment for the exercise price of the shares of common stock to be purchased.

## **LEGAL MATTERS**

Gracin & Marlow, LLP, New York, New York will pass upon certain legal matters related to the issuance and sale of the warrants offered on our behalf and Parsons Behle & Latimer, Reno, Nevada will pass upon certain legal matters relating to the issuance and sale of the common stock offered hereby on our behalf.

## **EXPERTS**

The financial statements of Synthetic Biologics, Inc. as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 and for each of the three years ended in the period ended December 31, 2014 and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014 incorporated by reference in this prospectus have been so incorporated in reliance on the reports of BDO USA, LLP, an independent registered accounting firm, incorporated herein by reference, given on authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

## **WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION**

We file annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any document we file at the SEC's public reference room located at 100 F Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of the public reference room. Our public filings are also available to the public at the SEC's web site at <http://www.sec.gov>.

This prospectus is part of a registration statement on Form S-3 that we have filed with the SEC under the Securities Act. This prospectus does not contain all of the information in the registration statement. We have omitted certain parts of the registration statement, as permitted by the rules and regulations of the SEC. You may inspect and copy the registration statement, including exhibits, at the SEC's public reference room or Internet site.

## **INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE**

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" the information we file with it which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents instead of having to repeat the information in this prospectus. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus, and later information that we file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. We incorporate by

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reference the documents listed below and any future filings made with the SEC (other than any portions of any such documents that are not deemed “filed” under the Exchange Act in accordance with the Exchange Act and applicable SEC rules) under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act between the date of this prospectus and the termination of the offering:

• Our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 filed with the SEC on March 16, 2015 (File No. 001-12584);

• Our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2015 filed with the SEC on May 11, 2015 and our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2015 filed with the SEC on August 10, 2015 (File No. 001-12584);

• Our current reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 12, 2015, March 19, 2015, May 4, 2015, May 18, 2015, June 16, 2015, July 9, 2015, July 17, 2015 and August 10, 2015 (File No. 001-12584);

• Our definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on April 13, 2015 (File No. 001-12584); and

• The description of our common stock set forth in our registration statement on Form 8-A12B, filed with the SEC on June 20, 2007 (File No. 000-12584).

You may obtain, free of charge, a copy of any of these documents (other than exhibits to these documents unless the exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference into these documents or referred to in this prospectus) by writing or calling us at the following address and telephone number: Synthetic Biologics, Inc., 617 Detroit Street, Suite 100 Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104, (734) 332-7800.

**DISCLOSURE OF SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION POSITION ON INDEMNIFICATION FOR SECURITIES ACT LIABILITIES**

Our amended and restated bylaws and Articles of Incorporation contain provisions that permit us to indemnify our directors and officers to the full extent permitted by Nevada law, and our Articles of Incorporation, as amended, contains provisions that eliminate the personal liability of our directors in each case for monetary damages to us or our stockholders for breach of their fiduciary duties, except to the extent that Nevada law prohibits indemnification or elimination of liability. These provisions do not limit or eliminate our rights or the rights of any stockholder to seek an injunction or any other non-monetary relief in the event of a breach of a director's or officer's fiduciary duty. In addition, these provisions apply only to claims against a director or officer arising out of his or her role as a director or officer and do not relieve a director or officer from liability if he or she engaged in willful misconduct or a knowing violation of the criminal law or any federal or state securities law.

The rights of indemnification provided in our amended and restated bylaws are not exclusive of any other rights that may be available under any insurance or other agreement, by vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling us pursuant to the foregoing provisions, we have been informed that in the opinion of the SEC this type of indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

**PART II****INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN THE PROSPECTUS****Item 14. *Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.***

The following table sets forth the estimated fees and expenses in connection with the shelf registration of the common stock registered under this registration statement. The actual amounts of such fees and expenses will be determined from time to time. All amounts shown are estimates except for the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") registration fee.

SEC registration fee	\$1,430
Legal fees and expenses	10,000
Accounting fees and expenses	5,000
Transfer agent and registrar fees and expenses	2,000
Miscellaneous	1,570
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>

\*These fees are estimated fees.

**Item 15. *Indemnification of Directors and Officers.***

Section 78.138 of the Nevada Revised Statute provides that a director or officer is not individually liable to the corporation or its stockholders or creditors for any damages as a result of any act or failure to act in his capacity as a director or officer unless it is proven that (1) his act or failure to act constituted a breach of his fiduciary duties as a director or officer and (2) his breach of those duties involved intentional misconduct, fraud or a knowing violation of law.

This provision is intended to afford directors and officers protection against and to limit their potential liability for monetary damages resulting from suits alleging a breach of the duty of care by a director or officer. As a consequence of this provision, stockholders of our company will be unable to recover monetary damages against directors or officers for action taken by them that may constitute negligence or gross negligence in performance of their duties unless such conduct falls within one of the foregoing exceptions. The provision, however, does not alter the applicable standards governing a director's or officer's fiduciary duty and does not eliminate or limit the right of our company or any stockholder to obtain an injunction or any other type of non-monetary relief in the event of a breach of fiduciary

duty.

The Registrant's Articles of Incorporation, as amended, and amended and restated bylaws provide for indemnification of directors, officers, employees or agents of the Registrant to the fullest extent permitted by Nevada law (as amended from time to time). Section 78.7502 of the Nevada Revised Statute provides that such indemnification may only be provided if the person acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interest of the Registrant and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful.

### Item 16. Exhibits

- 3.1 Certificate of Incorporation, as amended (Incorporated by reference to (i) Exhibit 3.1 of the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 16, 2008 (File No. 001-12584), (ii) Exhibit 3.1 of the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2001 filed August 14, 2001 (File No. 001-12584) and (iii) Exhibits 3.1, 4.1 and 4.2 of the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 1998 filed August 14, 1998 (File No. 001-12584).
- 3.2 Articles of Merger (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 19, 2009 (File No. 001-12584)).
- 3.3 Certificate of Merger filed with the Secretary of State of Delaware (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 of the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 19, 2009 (File No. 001-12584)).
- 3.4 Articles of Incorporation filed with the Nevada Secretary of State (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 of the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 19, 2009 (File No. 001-12584)).
- 3.5 By-Laws (Incorporated by reference to (i) Exhibit 3.4 of the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 19, 2009 and (ii) Exhibit 3.1 of the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed June 3, 2010 (File No. 001-12584)).
- 3.6 Amended and Restated Bylaws Adopted and Effective October 31, 2011 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed November 2, 2011 (File No. 001-12584)).
- 3.7 Certificate of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed February 16, 2012 (File No. 001-12584)).
- 3.8 Certificate of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed May 18, 2015 (File No. 001-12584)).

- 4.1 Specimen Stock Certificate evidencing shares of Common Stock (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of Registrant's registration statement on Form S-3 filed on July 3, 2013 (File No. 333-189794)).
- 4.2 Form of Warrant (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 10, 2014 (File No. 001-12584)).
- 5.1(a) Legal opinion of Gracin & Marlow, LLP\*
- 5.1(b) Legal opinion of Parsons Behle & Latimer\*
- 21 List of Subsidiaries (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 21 to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on March 16, 2015 (File No. 001-12584))
- 23.1 Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm (BDO USA, LLP)\*
- 23.2 Consent of Gracin & Marlow, LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1(a))\*
- 23.3 Consent of Parson Behle & Latimer (included in Exhibit 5.1(b))\*
- 24.1 Powers of Attorney for our directors (included on signature page)\*

\*Filed herewith

**Item 17. *Undertakings.***

(a) 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 SEC pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and

(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 the undertakings set forth in paragraphs (1)(i), (1)(ii) and (1)(iii) above 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 SEC 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 a part of the 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) 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

(ii) 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 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; and



(iii) 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.

(b) 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 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.

(c) 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 Securities Act of 1933 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 Securities Act of 1933 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for 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 Rockville, State of Maryland, August 10, 2015.

SYNTHETIC  
BIOLOGICS, INC.

By: /s/ Jeffrey  
Riley  
Chief  
Executive  
Officer,  
President  
and  
Director  
(Principal  
Executive  
Officer)

By: /s/ Steven A. Shallcross  
Chief Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

We, the undersigned hereby severally constitute and appoint each of Jeffrey Riley and Steven A. Shallcross our true and lawful attorney and agent, with full power to each to sign for us, and in our names in the capacities indicated below, any and all amendments to this registration statement, any subsequent registration statements pursuant to Rule 462 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of them or their substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof. This power of attorney may be executed in counterparts.

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

/s/ Jeffrey Riley Jeffrey Riley	Chief Executive Officer, President and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	August 10, 2015
/s/ Steven A. Shallcross Steven A. Shallcross	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	August 10, 2015
/s/ Jeffrey J. Kraws Jeffrey J. Kraws	Chairman	August 10, 2015
/s/ Scott L. Tarriff Scott L. Tarriff	Director	August 10, 2015
/s/ Jeffrey Wolf Jeffrey Wolf	Director	August 10, 2015