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## **UNITED STATES**

## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington D.C. 20549

## FORM 8-K

# **CURRENT REPORT**

# **PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)**

## OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): October 5, 2018

Bellicum Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

**001-36783** (Commission

**20-1450200** (I.R.S. Employer

of incorporation)

File Number)

**Identification No.)** 

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## Houston, TX

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: 832-384-1100

## **Not Applicable**

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

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

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)) Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter). Emerging Growth company

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

## Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On October 5, 2018, Bellicum Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the Company) entered into an Open Market Sale Agreement (the Sales Agreement) with Jefferies LLC, as sales agent (Jefferies), pursuant to which the Company may offer and sell, from time to time, through Jefferies, shares of the Company s common stock having an aggregate offering price of up to \$60.0 million. The shares will be offered and sold pursuant to the Company s shelf registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-226652).

The Company is not obligated to sell any shares under the Sales Agreement. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Sales Agreement, Jefferies will use commercially reasonable efforts, consistent with its normal sales and trading practices, applicable state and federal law, rules and regulations and the rules of The Nasdaq Global Market, to sell shares from time to time based upon the Company s instructions, including any price, time or size limits specified by the Company. Under the Sales Agreement, Jefferies may sell shares in privately negotiated transactions, as block transactions or by any other method or payment permitted by law deemed to be an at-the-market offering as defined in Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The Company will pay Jefferies a commission of up to 3.0% of the aggregate gross proceeds from each sale of shares, reimburse certain legal fees and disbursements and provide Jefferies with customary indemnification and contribution rights. The Sales Agreement may be terminated by Jefferies or the Company at any time upon notice to the other party.

The foregoing description of the Sales Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Sales Agreement, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. The legal opinion of Cooley LLP relating to the shares of common stock being offered pursuant to the Sales Agreement is filed as Exhibit 5.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

This Current Report on Form 8-K shall not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any shares under the Sales Agreement, nor shall there be any sale of such shares in any state in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such state.

## Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit<br>No. | Description  |
|----------------|--|
| 5.1            | Opinion of Cooley LLP.   |
| 10.1           | Open Market Sale Agreement <sup>SM</sup> , dated October 5, 2018, by and between Bellicum Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Jefferies LLC. |
| 23.1           | Consent of Cooley LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).   |

# **SIGNATURES**

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

Date: October 5, 2018 Bellicum Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

By: /s/ Richard A. Fair Name: Richard A. Fair

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer