
**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**

**January 14, 2025
(Date of Report - date of earliest event reported)**

Aptose Biosciences Inc.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Canada
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

001-32001
(Commission
File Number)

98-1136802
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**66 Wellington Street West, Suite 5300
TD Bank Tower, Box 48
Toronto, Ontario M5K 1E6
Canada**
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(647) 479-9828
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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.

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Shares, no par value	APTO	The Nasdaq Stock Market

Item 3.01. Notice of Delisting or Failure to Satisfy a Continued Listing Rule or Standard; Transfer of Listing.

On January 14, 2025, Aptose Biosciences Inc. (the “Company”) received an additional staff determination letter (the “Letter”) from the Nasdaq Listing Qualifications Department (the “Staff”) of The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (“Nasdaq”) notifying the Company that, for the last thirty (30) consecutive business days, the closing bid price for the Company’s common shares have been below the minimum \$1.00 per share required for continued listing on The Nasdaq Capital Market pursuant to Nasdaq Listing Rule 5550(a)(2) (the “Minimum Bid Price Requirement”). The Company is required to present its plan of compliance to the hearings panel. The Company’s common shares continue to trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange (“TSX”) under the symbol “APS”. The Company’s listing on the TSX is independent and will not be affected by the Nasdaq listing status.

The Company has been given until March 31, 2025, to regain compliance with the Minimum Bid Price Requirement. The Company will hold a Special Shareholders’ meeting next Monday, January 27, 2025 to ask shareholders to approve a reverse stock split which is aimed to increase the Company’s stock price.

The Company intends to monitor the closing bid price of its common shares and may, if appropriate, consider available options to regain compliance with the Minimum Bid Price Requirement. However, there can be no assurance that the Company will be able to regain compliance with the Minimum Bid Price Requirement or will otherwise be in compliance with other Nasdaq Listing Rules.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**Exhibit**

No.	Description of Exhibit
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

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: January 21, 2025

APTOSE BIOSCIENCES INC.

By: /s/ Fletcher Payne
Name: Fletcher Payne
Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer