

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**FORM S-8  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**CATALYST BIOSCIENCES, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**DELAWARE**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

**56-2020050**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**611 Gateway Boulevard, Suite 710  
South San Francisco, CA 94080**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

**CATALYST BIOSCIENCES, INC.  
2018 OMNIBUS INCENTIVE PLAN  
AND  
2018 EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN**  
(Full Titles of the Plans)

**Nassim Usman, Ph.D.**  
**President and Chief Executive Officer**  
**Catalyst Biosciences, Inc.**  
**611 Gateway Boulevard, Suite 710**  
**South San Francisco, CA 94080**  
**(650) 871-0761**  
(Name, Address and Telephone Number, including Area Code, of Agent for Service)

With a copy to:

**Fletcher Payne**  
**Chief Financial Officer**  
**Catalyst Biosciences, Inc.**  
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(Calculation of Registration Fee on following page)

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

Large accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>		Accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	Smaller reporting company	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
			Emerging Growth Company	<input type="checkbox"/>

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 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

Title of Securities To Be Registered	Amount To Be Registered(1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share(2)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share				
- 2018 Omnibus Incentive Plan	1,470,000	\$11.33(2)	\$16,655,100	\$2,073.56
- 2018 Omnibus Incentive Plan (Options)	30,000(3)	\$24.94(4)	\$748,200	\$93.15
- 2018 Employee Stock Purchase Plan	120,000	\$9.63(5)	\$1,155,660	\$143.88
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,620,000</b>		<b>\$18,558,960</b>	<b>\$2,310.59</b>

(1) Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), this registration statement shall also cover any additional shares of common stock that may be offered or issued in connection with certain corporate transactions or events, including any stock dividend, stock split or any other similar transaction effected without the receipt of consideration which results in an increase in the number of the Registrant's outstanding shares of common stock.

- (2) Estimated in accordance with Rules 457(c) and (h) under the Securities Act solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee based on the average of the high \$11.78 and low \$10.88 prices of the Registrant's common stock on June 25, 2018, as reported on The NASDAQ Capital Market.
  - (3) Represents shares of common stock reserved for issuance pursuant to stock option awards outstanding under the 2018 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "2018 Plan") as of the date of this Registration Statement. Any shares of common stock that are subject to stock option awards under the 2018 Plan that are forfeited or lapse or expire will be available for future issuance as common stock under the 2018 Plan.
  - (4) Estimated in accordance with Rules 457(c) and (h) under the Securities Act solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee. The price of \$24.94 per share represents the weighted average of the exercise prices for outstanding stock options under the 2018 Plan as of the date of this Registration Statement.
  - (5) Estimated in accordance with Rules 457(c) and (h) under the Securities Act solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee based on 85% of the average of the high \$11.78 and low \$10.88 prices of the Registrant's common stock on June 25, 2017, as reported on The NASDAQ Capital Market. Pursuant to the 2018 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, the purchase price of the shares of common stock reserved for issuance thereunder will be 85% of the lower of (a) the fair market value per share of the common stock on the first day of the offering period and (b) the fair market value on the last day of the offering period.
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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

Catalyst Biosciences, Inc. (the “Company”) has prepared this Registration Statement (the “Registration Statement”) in accordance with the requirements of Form S-8 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), to register an aggregate of (i) 1,500,000 shares of common stock of the Company authorized for issuance under the Company’s 2018 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the “2018 Plan”) and (ii) 120,000 shares of common stock of the Company authorized for issuance under the Company’s 2018 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the “2018 ESPP”).

### PART I

#### INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

**Item 1.**      **Plan Information.\***

**Item 2.**      **Registrant Information and Employee Plan Annual Information.\***

\* The documents containing the information specified in Part I of Form S-8 will be sent or given to employees as specified by Rule 428(b)(1) of the Securities Act. Such documents need not be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) either as part of this Registration Statement or as prospectuses or prospectus supplements pursuant to Rule 424 of the Securities Act. These documents and the documents incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement pursuant to Item 3 of Part II of this Registration Statement, taken together, constitute a prospectus that meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act.

**PART II**

**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.**

The following documents filed by the Company with the Commission are incorporated herein by reference:

(a) The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 filed with the Commission on March 19, 2018;

(b) The Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2018, filed with the Commission on May 3, 2018;

(c) The Company's Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on June 18, 2018, June 14, 2018, April 13, 2018, March 5, 2018, February 26, 2018, February 15, 2018, February 12, 2018, February 9, 2018, January 17, 2018, January 4, 2018;

(d) The description of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, contained in the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed with the Commission on April 6, 2006, with respect to such common stock, including any subsequent amendment or report filed for the purposes of updating such description; and

(e) All other reports filed by the Company pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), since the end of the fiscal year referred to in (a) above.

All documents subsequently filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference herein and to be a part hereof from the date of the filing of such documents. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for the purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

**Item 4. Description of Securities.**

Not applicable.

**Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.**

Not applicable.

**Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.**

The Company's restated certificate of incorporation provides that the Company's directors shall not be personally liable to the Company or its stockholders for monetary damages for any breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability for breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the Company or its stockholders, for acts or omissions not in good faith or involving intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, for payment of dividends or approval of stock purchases or redemptions that are prohibited by the Delaware General Corporation Law ("DGCL"), or for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. Under the DGCL, the Company's directors have a fiduciary duty to the Company that is not eliminated by this provision of the restated certificate of incorporation and, in appropriate circumstances, equitable remedies such as injunctive or other forms of non-monetary relief will remain available. This provision also does not affect the Company's directors' responsibilities under any other laws, such as federal securities laws or state or federal environmental laws.

Section 145 of the DGCL empowers a corporation to indemnify its directors and officers against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlements actually and reasonably incurred by them in connection with any action, suit or proceeding brought by third parties by reason of the fact that they were or are directors or officers of the corporation, if they acted in good faith, in a manner they reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation

and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe that their conduct was unlawful. The DGCL provides further that the indemnification permitted thereunder shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which the directors and officers may be entitled under the corporation's bylaws, any agreement, a vote of stockholders or otherwise. The Company's restated certificate of incorporation provides that, to the fullest extent permitted by Section 145 of the DGCL, the Company shall indemnify any person who is or was a director or officer of the Company, or is or was serving at the Company's request as a director, officer or trustee of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise, against the expenses, liabilities or other matters referred to in or covered by Section 145 of the DGCL. The Company's bylaws provide that the Company will indemnify any person who was or is a party or threatened to be made a party to any proceeding by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director or officer of the Company or is or was serving at the Company's request as a director, officer or trustee of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL.

In addition, the Company has entered into indemnification agreements with each of its directors and with certain of the Company's executive officers. Pursuant to the indemnification agreements, the Company has agreed to indemnify and hold harmless these directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL. The agreements generally cover expenses that a director or officer incurs or amounts that a director or officer becomes obligated to pay because of any proceeding to which he or she is made or threatened to be made a party or participant by reason of his or her service as a current or former director, officer, employee or agent of the Company. The agreements also provide for the advancement of expenses to the directors and officers subject to specified conditions. There are certain exceptions to the Company's obligation to indemnify the directors and officers, including any intentional malfeasance or act where the director or officer did not in good faith believe he or she was acting in the Company's best interests, with respect to "short-swing" profit claims under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act and, with certain exceptions, with respect to proceedings that he or she initiates.

Section 145 of the DGCL also empowers a corporation to purchase insurance for its officers and directors for such liabilities. The Company maintains liability insurance for its officers and directors.

**Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.**

Not applicable.

**Item 8. Exhibits.**

The following exhibits are filed as a part of this Registration Statement:

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
4.1	<a href="#"><u>Fourth Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, which is incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 333-133881) filed with the Commission on May 8, 2006.</u></a>
4.2	<a href="#"><u>Certificate of Amendment to the Fourth Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, which is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on August 20, 2015.</u></a>
4.3	<a href="#"><u>Second Certificate of Amendment to the Fourth Amendment and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, which is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on February 10, 2017.</u></a>
4.4	<a href="#"><u>Bylaws of the Company, as amended and restated effective March 5, 2015, which are incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on March 6, 2015.</u></a>
4.5	<a href="#"><u>Specimen Certificate of common stock, which is incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Amendment No. 3 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1/A (File No. 333-131050) filed with the Commission on March 16, 2006.</u></a>
5.1	<a href="#"><u>Opinion of Morrison &amp; Foerster LLP, counsel to the Company.</u></a>
23.1	<a href="#"><u>Consent of Morrison &amp; Foerster LLP, counsel to the Company (included in Exhibit 5.1).</u></a>

- 23.2 [Consent of EisnerAmper LLP.](#)
- 24 [Power of Attorney \(included on signature page\).](#)
- 99.1 [Catalyst Biosciences, Inc. 2018 Omnibus Incentive Plan which is incorporated by reference to Appendix A to the Company's Definitive Proxy Statement for the 2018 Annual Meeting filed with the Commission on May 11, 2018 \(File No. 000-51173\).](#)
- 99.2 [Catalyst Biosciences, Inc. 2018 Employee Stock Purchase Plan which is incorporated by reference to Appendix B to the Company's Definitive Proxy Statement for the 2018 Annual Meeting filed with the Commission on May 11, 2018 \(File No. 000-51173\).](#)
- 99.3 [Catalyst Biosciences, Inc. Form of Stock Option Award Agreement which is incorporated by reference to Appendix C to the Company's Definitive Proxy Statement for the 2018 Annual Meeting filed with the Commission on May 11, 2018 \(File No. 000-51173\).](#)

**Item 9. Undertakings.**

(a) The undersigned Company 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;
  - (ii) to reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this 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 this 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 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 this Registration Statement or any material change to such information in this Registration Statement;

provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with, or furnished to, the Commission by the Company pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement.

- (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, 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.
- (b) The undersigned Company hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Company's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in this 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 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Company pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Company has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is,

therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Company of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Company 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 Company 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 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.





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/s/ Errol B. De Souza, Ph.D.

**Errol B. De Souza, Ph.D.**

Director

June 27, 2018.

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/s/ Andrea Hunt

**Andrea Hunt**

Director

June 27, 2018.



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June 27, 2018

Catalyst Biosciences, Inc.  
611 Gateway Boulevard, Suite 710  
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**Registration Statement on Form S-8**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At your request, we have examined the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") filed by Catalyst Biosciences, Inc. (the "Company") with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on June 27, 2018, relating to the registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, of (i) 1,500,000 shares of common stock of the Company authorized for issuance under the Company's 2018 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "2018 Plan") and (ii) 120,000 shares of common stock of the Company authorized for issuance under the Company's 2018 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "2018 ESPP").

As your counsel in connection with the Registration Statement, we have examined the proceedings taken by you and proposed to be taken by you in connection with the adoption of each of the 2018 Plan and the 2018 ESPP, and the authorization, issuance and sale of the aforementioned number of shares under each of the 2018 Plan and the 2018 ESPP (together, the "Shares"), and such documents, matters of fact and questions of law as we have deemed necessary to render this opinion. For the purpose of the opinion rendered below, we have assumed that such proceedings are timely completed in the manner presently proposed by you and that, upon each issuance of Shares, the Company will receive the consideration for such Shares required by the terms of the 2018 Plan or the 2018 ESPP, as applicable.

Based upon and subject to the foregoing, we are of the opinion that the Shares, when issued and outstanding pursuant to the terms of the 2018 Plan or the 2018 ESPP, as applicable, will be legally and validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

We consent to the use of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and further consent to all references to us in the Registration Statement and in any amendment thereto.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Morrison & Foerster LLP

Morrison & Foerster LLP

**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement of Catalyst Biosciences, Inc. on Form S-8 to be filed on or about June 27, 2018 of our report dated March 19, 2018, on our audits of the consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2017 and 2016 and for each of the years then ended, which report was included in its Annual Report on Form 10-K March 19, 2018.

/s/ EISNERAMPER LLP

EISNERAMPER LLP  
Iselin, New Jersey  
June 27, 2018