

Synthetic Biologics, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
May 15, 2017

**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): May 15, 2017

**SYNTHETIC BIOLOGICS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Nevada   | 001-12584             | 13-3808303                        |
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) | (Commission File No.) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |

9605 Medical Center Drive, Suite 270  
Rockville, MD 20850  
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (301) 417-4364

N/A

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

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01. Other Events**

On May 11, 2017, Synthetic Biologics, Inc., a Nevada corporation, (the “Registrant”) issued the attached press release that included notification that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has granted a Breakthrough Therapy Designation for SYN-004 (ribaxamase) for the prevention of *Clostridium difficile* infection. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

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

(d) Exhibits

| Exhibit<br>No. | Description |
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| 99.1 | Synthetic Biologics, Inc. press release dated May 11, 2017 |
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**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.

Dated: May 15, 2017 SYNTHETIC BIOLOGICS, INC.  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Steven Shallcross  
Name: Steven Shallcross  
Title: Chief Financial Officer