# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## FORM S-8 REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

# **Aligos Therapeutics, Inc.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

One Corporate Dr., 2nd Floor South San Francisco, California (Address of Principal Executive Offices) 82-4724808 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

> 94080 (Zip Code)

2020 Incentive Award Plan 2020 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (Full Title of the Plan)

Lawrence M. Blatt, Ph.D. Chief Executive Officer Aligos Therapeutics, Inc. One Corporate Dr., 2nd Floor South San Francisco, California 94080 (800) 466-6059 (Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

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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.

Large accelerated filer  $\Box$ 

Non-accelerated filer

Accelerated filer  $\Box$ 

Smaller reporting company

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

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered(1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share(2)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(2)	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value per share, of Aligos				
Therapeutics, Inc.	2,287,236(3)	\$25.45(2)	\$58,210,156.20	\$6,350.73

- (1) Pursuant to Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), this Registration Statement shall also cover any additional shares of the Registrant's common stock that become issuable under the Registrant's 2020 Incentive Award Plan (the "2020 Plan") and the Registrant's 2020 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "ESPP") by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or similar transaction effected without the Registrant's receipt of consideration which would increase the number of outstanding shares of common stock.
- (2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the amount of the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(h) and Rule 457(c) promulgated under the Securities Act. The offering price per share and the aggregate offering price for shares reserved for future issuance under the 2020 Plan and the ESPP are based on the average of the high and the low price of the Registrant's common stock as reported on the Nasdaq Global Select Market on March 17, 2021.
- (3) Represents 1,906,030 shares of the Registrant's common stock that are available for issuance pursuant to the 2020 Plan and 381,206 shares of the Registrant's common stock that are available for issuance pursuant to the ESPP, in each case, pursuant to automatic increases effective January 1, 2021. Shares available for issuance under the 2020 Plan and the ESPP were previously registered on a registration statement on Form S-8 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 20, 2020 (Registration No. 333-249568).

Proposed sale to take place as soon after the effective date of the registration statement as awards under the plans are exercised and/or vest.

#### PART I

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

The information called for in Part I of Form S-8 is not being filed with or included in this Form S-8 (by incorporation by reference or otherwise) in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission").

#### PART II

#### INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

In this Registration Statement, Aligos Therapeutics, Inc. is sometimes referred to as "Registrant," "we," "us" or "our."

#### **REGISTRATION OF ADDITIONAL SECURITIES PURSUANT TO GENERAL INSTRUCTION E OF FORM S-8**

This Registration Statement on Form S-8 is filed by Registrant, relating to (a) 1,906,030 shares of its common stock, \$0.0001 par value (the "Common Stock"), issuable to eligible employees of Registrant under the 2020 Plan and (b) 381,206 shares of Common Stock issuable to eligible employees of Registrant under the ESPP. On October 20, 2020, Registrant filed with the Commission a Registration Statement on Form S-8, Registration No. 333-249568 (the "Prior Registration Statement"), relating to shares of Common Stock issuable to eligible employees of Registrant under the 2020 Plan and the ESPP. The Prior Registration Statement is currently effective. This Registration Statement relates to securities of the same class as those to which the Prior Registration Statement relates and is submitted in accordance with Section E of the General Instructions to Form S-8 regarding Registration of Additional Securities. Pursuant to Section E of the General Instructions to Form S-8, the Prior Registration Statement is incorporated herein by reference and made part of this Registration Statement, except as amended hereby.

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

The following documents filed with the Commission by the Registrant are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement:

- our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020, filed with the Commission on March 23, 2021; and
- the description of our common stock which is registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act, in our registration statement on <u>Form 8-A</u>, filed on October 13, 2020, including any amendment or reports filed for the purposes of updating this description.

All documents that the Registrant subsequently files pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act prior to the filing of a posteffective amendment to the registration statement which indicates that all of the shares of common stock offered have been sold or which deregisters all of such shares then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of the filing of such documents; except as to any portion of any future annual or quarterly report to stockholders or document or current report furnished under current Items 2.02 or 7.01 of Form 8-K, and exhibits furnished on such form that relate to such items, that is not deemed filed under such provisions. For the purposes of this Registration Statement, any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Under no circumstances will any information filed under current Items 2.02 or 7.01 of Form 8-K, and exhibits furnished on such form that relate to such items, be deemed incorporated herein by reference unless such Form 8-K expressly provides to the contrary.

### Item 8. Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description	Form	Incorporated by Reference	<u>Number</u>	Filed Herewith
5.1	Opinion of Latham & Watkins LLP.				Х
23.1	Consent of Latham & Watkins LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).				Х
23.2	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.				Х
24.1	<u>Power of Attorney. Reference is made to the signature page to the</u> <u>Registration Statement.</u>				Х
99.1#	2020 Incentive Award Plan.	S-1/A	10/9/2020	10.6(a)	
99.2#	Employee Stock Purchase Plan.	S-1/A	10/9/2020	10.7	

# Indicates management contract or compensatory plan.

#### 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-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of South San Francisco, State of California, on this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2021.

#### Aligos Therapeutics, Inc.

By: /s/ Lawrence M. Blatt

Lawrence M. Blatt, Ph.D. *Chief Executive Officer* 

#### **POWER OF ATTORNEY**

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below does hereby constitute and appoint Lawrence M. Blatt, Ph.D., Lesley Ann Calhoun and Lucinda Quan, J.D., and each of them, with full power of substitution and full power to act without the other, as his or her true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent to act for him or her in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement, and to file this Registration Statement, 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 order to effectuate the same as fully, to all intents and purposes, as they or he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of them, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Lawrence M. Blatt	Chief Executive Officer and Director	March 23, 2021
Lawrence M. Blatt, Ph.D.	(Principal Executive Officer)	
/s/ Lesley Ann Calhoun	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer	March 23, 2021
Lesley Ann Calhoun	(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	
/s/ Leonid Beigelman	Director	March 23, 2021
Leonid Beigelman, Ph.D		
/s/ K. Peter Hirth	Director	March 23, 2021
K. Peter Hirth, Ph.D.		
/s/ Jack B. Nielsen	Director	March 23, 2021
Jack B. Nielsen		
/s/ Peter Moldt	Director	March 23, 2021
Peter Moldt, Ph.D.		
/s/ Carole Nuechterlein	Director	March 23, 2021
Carole Nuechterlein		
/s/ Thomas Woiwode	Director	March 23, 2021
Thomas Woiwode, Ph.D.		
/s/ Kathleen Sereda Glaub Kathleen Sereda Glaub	Director	March 23, 2021

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Aligos Therapeutics, Inc. One Corporate Dr., 2nd Floor South San Francisco, California 94080

Re: Registration Statement on Form S-8; 2,287,236 shares of Common Stock of Aligos Therapeutics, Inc., par value \$0.0001 per share

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special counsel to Aligos Therapeutics, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "*Company*"), in connection with the registration by the Company of an aggregate of 2,287,236 shares of common stock of the Company, par value \$0.0001 per share (the "*Shares*"), issuable under the Company's 2020 Incentive Award Plan (the "*2020 Plan*") and 2020 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "*ESPP*" and together with the 2020 Plan, the "*Plans*").

The Shares are included in a registration statement on Form S-8 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "*Act*"), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "*Commission*") on March 23, 2021 (the "*Registration Statement*"). This opinion is being furnished in connection with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K under the Act, and no opinion is expressed herein as to any matter pertaining to the contents of the Registration Statement or the related prospectuses, other than as expressly stated herein with respect to the issuance of the Shares.

As such counsel, we have examined such matters of fact and questions of law as we have considered appropriate for purposes of this letter. With your consent, we have relied upon certificates and other assurances of officers of the Company and others as to factual matters without having independently verified such factual matters. We are opining herein as to the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "*DGCL*"), and we express no opinion with respect to any other laws.

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Subject to the foregoing and the other matters set forth herein, it is our opinion that, as of the date hereof, when the Shares shall have been duly registered on the books of the transfer agent and registrar therefor in the name or on behalf of the purchasers and have been issued by the Company against payment therefor in the circumstances contemplated by the Plans, assuming in each case that the individual issuances, grants or awards under the Plans are duly authorized by all necessary corporate action and duly issued, granted or awarded and exercised in accordance with the requirements of law and the applicable Plans (and the agreements and awards duly adopted thereunder and in accordance therewith), the issue and sale of the Shares will have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action of the Company, and the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable. In rendering the foregoing opinion, we have assumed that the Company will comply with all applicable notice requirements regarding uncertificated shares provided in the DGCL.

This opinion is for your benefit in connection with the Registration Statement and may be relied upon by you and by persons entitled to rely upon it pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Act. We consent to your filing this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Latham & Watkins LLP

#### **Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form S-8) pertaining to the 2020 Incentive Award Plan and 2020 Employee Stock Purchase Plan of Aligos Therapeutics, Inc. of our report dated March 23, 2021, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Aligos Therapeutics, Inc. included in its Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2020, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Redwood City, California March 23, 2021