## 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): November 1, 2016

## SYNTHETIC BIOLOGICS, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

9605 Medical Center Drive, Suite 270
Rockville, MD 20850

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

N/A

(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:

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

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On November 1, 2016, Synthetic Biologics, Inc., a Nevada corporation, (the "Registrant") issued the attached press release that included financial information for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report on Form 8-K. The information contained in the press release is being furnished to the Commission and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any of the Registrant's registration statements or other filings with the Commission.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release issued by Synthetic Biologics, Inc. dated November 1, 2016.

#### **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.

SYNTHETIC BIOLOGICS, INC.

Date: November 1, 2016 By: /s/ Steven A. Shallcross

Name: Steven A. Shallcross Title: Chief Financial Officer

### **EXHIBIT INDEX**

### Exhibit No. Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release issued by Synthetic Biologics, Inc. dated November 1, 2016.