# 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 4, 2017

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

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

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

(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 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))

#### Item 8.01. Other Events

Synthetic Biologics, Inc. (the "Company") will be making several clinical and investor presentations over the next several weeks, including a presentation at the 2017 Digestive Disease Week Conference on May 9, 2017, in Chicago, Illinois. In connection with the presentations, the Company intends to discuss the slide presentation attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto, which is incorporated herein by reference.

The slide presentation attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report includes "safe harbor" language pursuant to the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, as amended, indicating that certain statements contained in the slide presentation or in the press release are "forward-looking" rather than historical.

The Company undertakes no duty or obligation to update or revise information included in this Report or any of the Exhibits.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

#### (d) Exhibits

Exhibit	
No.	Description
99.1	Synthetic Biologics, Inc. investor presentation dated May 4, 2017

### **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 4, 2017 SYNTHETIC BIOLOGICS, INC.

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Steven Shallcross

Name: Steven Shallcross Title: Chief Financial Officer