

**UNITED STATES
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): March 26, 2020

APTEVO THERAPEUTICS INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-37746
(Commission File Number)

81-1567056
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**2401 4th Avenue, Suite 1050
Seattle, Washington**
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

98121
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (206) 838-0500

Not Applicable

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- 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))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	APVO	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

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 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

(a) Amendment of Articles of Incorporation to Effect Reverse Stock Split

On March 11, 2020, Aptevo Therapeutics Inc. (the “Company”) held a Special Meeting of Stockholders (the “Special Meeting”) at which the Company’s stockholders approved a series of alternate amendments to the Company’s Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation to effect, at the option of the Board of Directors of the Company (the “Board”), a reverse split of the Company’s common stock at a ratio ranging from 1-for-2 to 1-for-20, inclusive, with the effectiveness of one of such amendments and the abandonment of the other amendments, or the abandonment of all amendments, to be determined by the Board in its sole discretion following the Special Meeting. The specific 1-for-14 reverse split ratio was subsequently approved by the Board on March 23, 2020

On March 26, 2020, the Company filed a Certificate of Amendment of Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (the “Amendment”) with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware to effect a 1-for-14 reverse stock split of the Company’s outstanding common stock. The Amendment was effective at 5:01 p.m. Eastern Time on March 26, 2020 (the “Effective Time”).

The Amendment provides that, at the Effective Time, every 14 shares of the Company’s issued and outstanding common stock was automatically combined into one issued and outstanding share of common stock, without any change in par value per share. As a result of the reverse stock split, proportionate adjustments will be made to the per share exercise price and/or the number of shares issuable upon the exercise or vesting of all then outstanding stock options, restricted stock units and warrants, which will result in a proportional decrease in the number of shares of the Company’s common stock reserved for issuance upon exercise or vesting of such stock options, restricted stock units and warrants, and, in the case of stock options and warrants, a proportional increase in the exercise price of all such stock options and warrants. In addition, the number of shares reserved for issuance under the Company’s equity compensation plans immediately prior to the Effective Time will be reduced proportionately.

No fractional shares will be issued as a result of the reverse stock split. Stockholders of record who would otherwise be entitled to receive a fractional share will receive a cash payment in lieu thereof. The reverse stock split will affect all stockholders proportionately and will not affect any stockholder’s percentage ownership of the Company’s common stock (except to the extent that the reverse stock split results in any stockholder owning only a fractional share).

The Company’s common stock will begin trading on The Nasdaq Capital Market on a split-adjusted basis when the market opens on March 27, 2020. The new CUSIP number for the Company’s common stock following the reverse stock split is 03835L207.

The foregoing description is qualified in its entirety by the Amendment, which is attached as Exhibit 3.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
3.1	<u>Certificate of Amendment of Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Aptevo Therapeutics Inc.</u>

Forward-Looking Statements

Statements in this report on Form 8-K that are not statements of historical fact are forward-looking statements, which involve a number of risks and uncertainties. Such statements include statements about the reverse stock split and can be identified by using the word “will”. For such statements, the Company claims the protection of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Actual events or results may differ materially from the Company’s expectations. Factors that could cause actual

results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements include delays in regulatory approvals and those disclosed in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These forward-looking statements represent the Company's judgment as of the time of this report on Form 8-K. The Company disclaims any intent or obligation to update these forward-looking statements, other than as may be required under applicable law.

SIGNATURE

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.

Date: March 26, 2020

APTEVO THERAPEUTICS INC.

By: /s/ Marvin L. White

Marvin L. White

President and Chief Executive Officer

**CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT OF
AMENDED AND RESTATED CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
OF
APTEVO THERAPEUTICS INC.**

APTEVO THERAPEUTICS INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, hereby certifies as follows:

FIRST: The name of this corporation is Aptevo Therapeutics Inc. (the “Company”).

SECOND: The date on which the Company’s Certificate of Incorporation was originally filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware is February 22, 2016.

THIRD: The Board of Directors of the Company, acting in accordance with the provisions of Section 242 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, adopted resolutions amending its Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as heretofore amended (the “Certificate of Incorporation”), by adding the following at the end of Article FOURTH of the Restated Certificate of Incorporation:

Effective as of the effective time of 5:01 p.m., Eastern time, on March 26, 2020 (the “Effective Time”), each fourteen (14) shares of the Company’s Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share, issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Effective Time shall, automatically and without any action on the part of the Company or the respective holders thereof, be combined into one (1) share of Common Stock without increasing or decreasing the par value of each share of Common Stock (the “Reverse Split”); *provided, however*, no fractional shares of Common Stock shall be issued as a result of the Reverse Split and, in lieu thereof, upon receipt after the Effective Time by the exchange agent selected by the Company of a properly completed and duly executed transmittal letter and, where shares are held in certificated form, the surrender of the stock certificate(s) formerly representing shares of pre-Reverse Split Common Stock, any stockholder who would otherwise be entitled to a fractional share of post-Reverse Split Common Stock as a result of the Reverse Split, following the Effective Time (after taking into account all fractional shares of post-Reverse Split Common Stock otherwise issuable to such stockholder), shall be entitled to receive a cash payment (without interest) equal to the fractional share of post-Reverse Split Common Stock to which such stockholder would otherwise be entitled multiplied by the average of the closing sales prices of a share of the Company’s Common Stock (as adjusted to give effect to the Reverse Split) on The Nasdaq Capital Market during regular trading hours for the five (5) consecutive trading days immediately preceding the date this Certificate of Amendment is filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware. Each stock certificate that, immediately prior to the Effective Time, represented shares of pre-Reverse Split Common Stock shall, from and after the Effective Time, automatically and without any action on the part of the Company or the respective holders thereof, represent that number of whole shares of post-Reverse Split Common Stock into which the shares of pre-Reverse Split Common Stock represented by such certificate shall have been combined (as well as the right to receive cash in lieu of any fractional shares of post-Reverse Split Common Stock as set forth above); *provided, however*, that each holder of record of a certificate that represented shares of pre-Reverse Split Common Stock shall receive, upon surrender of such certificate, a new certificate representing the number of whole shares of post-Reverse Split Common Stock into which the shares of pre-Reverse Split Common Stock represented by such certificate shall have been combined pursuant to the Reverse Split, as well as any cash in lieu of fractional shares of post-Reverse Split Common Stock to which such holder may be entitled as set forth above. The Reverse Split shall be effected on a record holder-by-record holder basis, such that any fractional shares of post-Reverse Split Common Stock resulting from the Reverse Split and held by a single record holder shall be aggregated.

FOURTH: The foregoing amendment was submitted to the stockholders of the Company for their approval, and was duly adopted in accordance with the provisions of Section 242 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware and shall be effective as of 5:01 p.m., Eastern time, on March 26, 2020.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, APTEVO THERAPEUTICS INC. has caused this Certificate of Amendment to be signed by its President and Chief Executive Officer this 26th day of March, 2020.

APTEVO THERAPEUTICS INC.

By: /s/ Marvin L. White

Marvin L. White
President and Chief Executive Officer