

GENOCEA BIOSCIENCES, INC.
Form 8-K
June 21, 2018

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): June 15, 2018

GENOCEA BIOSCIENCES, INC.
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	001-36289	51-0596811
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

Cambridge Discovery Park 100 Acorn Park Drive, 5 th Floor Cambridge, MA	02140
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 876-8191

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))

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 a 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 3.01. Notice of Delisting or Failure to Satisfy a Continued Listing Rule or Standard; Transfer of Listing

On June 15, 2018, Genocoea Biosciences, Inc. (the “Company”) received a letter from the Nasdaq Listing Qualifications department of The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (“Nasdaq”) notifying the Company that it was not in compliance with the requirement of Nasdaq Marketplace Rule 5450(a)(1) for continued inclusion on The Nasdaq Global Market as a result of the closing bid price for the Company’s common stock being below \$1.00 for 30 consecutive business days. This notification has no effect on the listing of the Company’s common shares at this time.

The Nasdaq Marketplace Rules provide the Company with 180 calendar days, or until December 12, 2018, to regain compliance, which will require a closing bid price for the Company’s common stock above \$1.00 for a minimum of 10 consecutive business days. If the Company does not comply with Marketplace Rule 5450(a)(1) by December 12, 2018, the Company may be eligible for additional time to demonstrate compliance with the bid price requirement. To qualify, the Company will be required to meet the continued listing requirement for market value of publicly held shares and all other initial listing standards for The Nasdaq Capital Market, with the exception of the bid price requirement, and will need to provide written notice of its intention to cure the deficiency during the second compliance period, by effecting a reverse stock split, if necessary. If the Company meets these requirements, the Company will be granted an additional 180 days or until June 10, 2019 to become compliant. If the Company does not qualify for the second compliance period or fails to regain compliance during the second 180-day period, then Nasdaq will notify the Company of its determination to delist the Company’s common shares, at which point the Company would have an opportunity to appeal the delisting determination to a hearings panel.

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.

GENOCEA BIOSCIENCES, INC.

By: /s/ William Clark
William Clark
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: June 21, 2018