

**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): April 4, 2023**

**PHATHOM PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**001-39094**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**82-4151574**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**100 Campus Drive, Suite 102  
Florham Park, New Jersey 07932**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**(877) 742-8466**  
(Registrant's telephone number, include area code)

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:

- 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, par value \$0.0001 per share	PHAT	The Nasdaq Global Select Market

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 8.01 Other Events.

On April 4, 2023, Phathom Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (“Phathom” or the “Company”) provided a regulatory update following its recent meeting with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regarding the complete response letters (CRLs) for Phathom’s erosive esophagitis (EE) NDA and *H. pylori* post approval supplement (PAS) to VOQUEZNA® TRIPLE PAK® and VOQUEZNA® DUAL PAK® NDAs. Both CRLs were solely related to specifications and controls for a nitrosamine drug substance related impurity, N-nitroso-vonoprazan (NVP).

Since first detecting trace levels of NVP, Phathom conducted extensive root cause investigations and implemented mitigation measures, including a minor tablet reformulation, to inhibit the growth of NVP. Phathom has shared available stability data with the FDA on this reformulation and received feedback on the resubmission requirements, including the expected stability data requirements. Based on this input, Phathom anticipates resubmitting the NDA for EE in the second quarter of 2023 which, if approved, could lead to a combined commercial launch of the EE and *H. pylori* indications in the fourth quarter of 2023. Phathom also anticipates submitting a PAS for VOQUEZNA® TRIPLE PAK® and VOQUEZNA® DUAL PAK® with FDA action expected in the fourth quarter of 2023.

### Forward Looking Statements

Phathom cautions you that statements contained in this report regarding matters that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements. These statements are based on the Company’s current beliefs and expectations. Such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding Phathom’s expectations on timing of resubmitting the NDA for erosive esophagitis and the post approval supplement for its *H. pylori* NDAs, the anticipated product launches in *H. pylori* and erosive esophagitis and Phathom’s belief that the stability data generated will demonstrate that the Company has limited and controlled NVP to meet the FDA’s requirements. The inclusion of forward-looking statements should not be regarded as a representation by Phathom that any of its plans will be achieved. Actual results may differ from those set forth in this report due to the risks and uncertainties inherent in Phathom’s business, including, without limitation: Phathom may be unable to generate the required data to meet the acceptable intake (AI) of its nitrosamine impurity, or may be unable to reduce the impurity to an acceptable level throughout the shelf life of the product, to obtain approval for its erosive esophagitis NDA or to bring vonoprazan to market for patients with erosive esophagitis, if approved, or for patients with *H. pylori*, if the Company’s PAS is approved; risks associated with product manufacturing or formulation changes required to be made in connection with achieving the AI; the FDA may disagree that the existing safety and efficacy data, together with additional data, is sufficient to approve the erosive esophagitis NDA or supplements to the *H. pylori* NDAs; the inherent risks of clinical development of vonoprazan; Phathom’s dependence on third parties in connection with product manufacturing, research and preclinical and clinical testing; regulatory developments in the United States and foreign countries; unexpected adverse side effects or inadequate efficacy of vonoprazan that may limit its development, regulatory approval and/or commercialization, or may result in recalls or product liability claims; Phathom’s ability to access additional capital under its term loan facility and royalty interest finance agreements is subject to certain conditions; Phathom’s ability to obtain and maintain intellectual property protection for vonoprazan; Phathom’s ability to comply with its license agreement with Takeda; Phathom’s ability to maintain undisrupted business operations due to the ongoing spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus, including delaying or otherwise disrupting its clinical trials, manufacturing and supply chain; and other risks described in the Company’s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), including under the heading “Risk Factors” in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K and any subsequent filings with the SEC. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof, and Phathom undertakes no obligation to update such statements to reflect events that occur or circumstances that exist after the date hereof. All forward-looking statements are qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement, which is made under the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

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.

PHATHOM PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Date: April 4, 2023

By: /s/ Larry Miller  
Larry Miller  
General Counsel and Secretary