# 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): May 18, 2023

# IOVANCE BIOTHERAPEUTICS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State of Incorporation)		
Commission File Number		(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
825 Industrial Road, 4th Floor		
San Carlos, California		94070
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)		(Zip Code)
	(650) 260-7120	
(Registrant's T	elephone Number, Including	g Area Code)
Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended following provisions:	led to simultaneously satisfy t	he filing obligation of the registrant under any of the
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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 \$0.000041666 per share	IOVA	The Nasdaq Stock Market, LLC

#### Item 2.01 Completion of Acquisition or Disposition of Assets.

#### Acquisition of Worldwide Rights in Proleukin® (aldesleukin)

As previously disclosed in the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Iovance Biotherapeutics, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company") with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on January 23, 2023, the Company and its newly formed, wholly owned subsidiary, Iovance Biotherapeutics UK Ltd ("Purchaser") entered into an Option Agreement (the "Option Agreement") with Clinigen Holdings Limited, Clinigen Healthcare Limited, and Clinigen, Inc. (collectively, "Clinigen"), pursuant to which the Purchaser would acquire the worldwide rights in Proleukin® (aldesleukin) (the "Product"), as well as the manufacturing, supply, commercialization and the generation of income from such rights and associated operations from Clinigen (the "Acquisition").

On May 18, 2023, the Company completed the Acquisition and specifically acquired (i) all issued and outstanding shares of Clinigen SP Limited (the "Target"), (ii) the business of the Target and Clinigen comprising the manufacturing, supply, commercialization and the generation of income from the Product rights and the undertaking of an active role in the development, maintenance and exploitation of those rights, and (iii) certain specified assets identified in the Option Agreement. The closing contemplated by the Option Agreement followed the satisfaction or waiver of the closing conditions under the Option Agreement, including the required submission of the premerger notification and report form filing under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvement Act of 1976 to the Regulatory Authority (as defined in the Option Agreement).

Pursuant to the Option Agreement, the Company paid to Clinigen (i) an upfront payment of £167.7 million (or approximately \$200 million) and (ii) a payment for certain inventory of £2.4 million (or approximately \$3.1 million) using existing cash on hand. The Option Agreement also provides for a £41.7 million (or approximately \$50 million) milestone payment upon first approval of lifileucel in advanced melanoma, and deferred consideration based on double digit rates on global net sales (as defined therein) payable from the Company to Clinigen following the completion of the Acquisition for the applicable deferred consideration term.

The foregoing description of the Option Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Option Agreement, a copy of which was filed as Exhibit 10.1 to Amendment No. 1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by the Company with the SEC on January 27, 2023.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

#### (a) Financial Statement of Business Acquired

The financial statements required by this Item, with respect to the Acquisition described in Item 2.01 herein, will be filed as soon as practicable, and in any event not later than 71 days after the date on which this Current Report on Form 8-K is required to be filed related to Item 2.01.

### (b) Financial Statement of Business Acquired

The proforma financial information required by this Item, with respect to the Acquisition described in Item 2.01 herein, will be filed as soon as practicable, and in any event not later than 71 days after the date on which this Current Report on Form 8-K is required to be filed related to Item 2.01.

#### (d) Exhibits

Exhibit	
No.	Description
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded as Inline XBRL document).

# **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.

Date: May 18, 2023 **IOVANCE BIOTHERAPEUTICS, INC.** 

By: /s/ Frederick G. Vogt

Frederick G. Vogt, Interim CEO & General Counsel