#### 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

<u>June 30, 2020</u>

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

# **MARKER THERAPEUTICS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<u>001-37939</u>

(Commission File Number)

45-4497941 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

3200 Southwest Freeway Suite 2240 <u>Houston, Texas</u> (Address of principal executive offices)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

<u>77027</u> (Zip Code)

(713) 400-6400

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

<u>N/A</u>

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K 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:

	Trading	
Title of each class	Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	MRKR	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  $\Box$ 

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 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On June 30, 2020, Marker Therapeutics, Inc. (the "*Company*") issued a press release relating to its new manufacturing facility in Houston, Texas. A copy of the press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information in this Item 7.01 of this Current Report on 8-K (including Exhibit 99.1) is furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or subject to the liabilities of that section or Sections 11 and 12(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The information shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any other filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission made by the Company, whether made before or after today's date, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific references in such filing.

## Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<b>Description</b>
<u>99.1</u>	Press release, dated June 30, 2020

# SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: June 30, 2020

Marker Therapeutics, Inc.

By: /s/ Anthony Kim

Anthony Kim Chief Financial Officer



# Marker Therapeutics Announces New Manufacturing Facility to Support Clinical Development of MultiTAA-Specific T Cell Therapy Product Candidates

- Facility expected to be built by year-end, fully operational in 2021 -

**Houston, TX – June 30, 2020** – Marker Therapeutics, Inc. (Nasdaq:MRKR), a clinical-stage immuno-oncology company specializing in the development of next-generation T cell-based immunotherapies for the treatment of hematological malignancies and solid tumor indications, today announced that it has executed a lease agreement to establish a cGMP manufacturing facility in Houston, TX, in an area near the George Bush Intercontinental Airport. The facility will allow production according to U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) guidelines and is designed to be scalable using modular processes. The facility is expected to be completed by year-end and operational in 2021.

"We are committed to the rapid advancement of Marker's MultiTAA-specific T cell therapies, which have demonstrated impressive responses in clinical studies across both hematological and solid tumors," said Peter L. Hoang, President & CEO of Marker Therapeutics. "With the build-out of our own internal manufacturing capabilities, we will have the flexibility to support our AML trial, and future hematological and solid tumor trials, as well as the potential commercialization of our products."

The facility has approximately 48,500 feet and will provide space for clinical manufacturing and quality functions upon completion. Marker will continue to manufacture its MultiTAA-specific T cell therapy at the Baylor College of Medicine to support the Company-sponsored AML trial until the in-house cGMP manufacturing facility is operational.

Commented Anthony Kim, Marker's Chief Financial Officer: "Commencing the build-out of our internal cGMP facility strategically fits Marker's expansion plans and is an exciting next step as we initiate our first Company-sponsored clinical trial in patients with AML following transplant."

# About MultiTAA-Specific T Cell Therapy

Marker's Multi-Antigen Targeted (MultiTAA) platform is a novel, non-genetically modified cell therapy approach that selectively expands tumor-specific T cells from a patient's blood capable of recognizing a broad range of tumor antigens. In early clinical trials, the multi-antigen approach has been well tolerated and shown to enhance tumor destroying capability and is one of the first therapies to consistently demonstrate epitope spreading – inducing the patient's own T cells to expand, potentially contributing to a lasting anti-tumor effect. Unlike other cell therapies which require pre-conditioning regimens and hospitalization, MultiTAA is designed to be administered in an outpatient setting.

### About Marker Therapeutics, Inc.

Marker Therapeutics, Inc. is a clinical-stage immuno-oncology company specializing in the development of next-generation T cell-based immunotherapies for the treatment of hematological malignancies and solid tumor indications. Marker's cell therapy technology is based on the selective expansion of nonengineered, tumor-specific T cells that recognize tumor associated antigens (i.e. tumor targets) and kill tumor cells expressing those targets. This population of T cells is designed to attack multiple tumor targets following infusion into patients and to activate the patient's immune system to produce broad spectrum anti-tumor activity. Because Marker does not genetically engineer its T cell therapies, we believe that our product candidates will be easier and less expensive to manufacture, with reduced toxicities, compared to current engineered CAR-T and TCR-based approaches, and may provide patients with meaningful clinical benefit. As a result, Marker believes its portfolio of T cell therapies has a compelling product profile, as compared to current genemodified CAR-T and TCR-based therapies.

To receive future press releases via email, please visit: https://www.markertherapeutics.com/email-alerts

## Forward-Looking Statement Disclaimer

This release contains forward-looking statements for purposes of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Statements in this news release concerning the Company's expectations, plans, business outlook or future performance, and any other statements concerning assumptions made or expectations as to any future events, conditions, performance or other matters, are "forward-looking statements." Forward-looking statements include statements regarding our intentions, beliefs, projections, outlook, analyses or current expectations concerning, among other things: our research, development and regulatory activities and expectations relating to our non-engineered multi-tumor antigen specific T cell therapies; the effectiveness of these programs or the possible range of application and potential curative effects and safety in the treatment of diseases; the potential benefits of orphan drug designation; the timing and success of our clinical trials, as well as clinical trials conducted by our collaborators and our expectations regarding our manufacturing facility. Forward-looking statements are by their nature subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors which could cause actual results to differ materially from those stated in such statements. Such risks, uncertainties and factors include, but are not limited to the risks set forth in the Company's most recent Form 10-K, 10-Q and other SEC filings which are available through EDGAR at www.sec.gov. The Company assumes no obligation to update our forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, after the date of this press release.

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