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): November 1, 2023

ADAPTIMMUNE THERAPEUTICS PLC

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

England and Wales (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 1-37368 (Commission File Number) Not Applicable (IRS Employer Identification No.)

60 Jubilee Avenue, Milton Park Abingdon, Oxfordshire OX14 4RX United Kingdom

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(44) 1235 430000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

D 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:

| | | Name of each exchange on which |
|---|----------------|---------------------------------|
| Title of each class | Trading Symbol | registered |
| American Depositary Shares, each representing 6 | ADAP | The Nasdaq Global Select Market |
| Ordinary Shares, par value £0.001 per share | | |

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. \Box

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On November 1, 2023, Dr. Elliott Sigal, a member of the Board of Directors of Adaptimmune Therapeutics plc (the "Company" or "Adaptimmune") resigned from the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board") effective on November 1, 2023. Dr. Sigal's intention to resign from the Board when Dr. Kristen Hege's appointment to the Board became effective on November 1, 2023 was previously announced by the Company on March 6, 2023 in connection with the strategic combination between Adaptimmune and TCR² Therapeutics Inc. Dr. Sigal's decision to resign was not as a result of any disagreement with the Company or its management but was in order to more fully pursue other commitments.

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.

ADAPTIMMUNE THERAPEUTICS PLC

By: /s/ Margaret Henry Name: Margaret Henry Title: Corporate Secretary

Date: November 3, 2023