

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-K/A  
(AMENDMENT NO. 2)

(Mark one)

ANNUAL REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018.

TRANSITION REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Commission file number 001-3200

# APTOSE BIOSCIENCES INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Canada

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

98-1136802

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

251 Consumers Road, Suite 1105  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada M2J 4R3  
(Address of principal executive offices)

647-479-9828

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:  
Common Shares, without par value      The Nasdaq Stock Market

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:  
None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. YES  NO

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. YES  NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. YES  NO

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§229.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). YES  NO

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Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10 K or any amendment to this Form 10 K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

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.

Indicate by check mark whether registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b 2 of the Act). YES  NO

The aggregate market value of the voting stock and nonvoting common equity held by non-affiliates computed by reference to the price at which the common equity was last sold, or the average bid and asked prices of such common equity, as of June 30, 2018 was \$134,370,583.00.

As of March 12, 2019, the registrant had 41,499,112 shares of common stock outstanding.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Amendment No. 2 to Form 10-K (this "Amendment No. 2") amends the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Aptose Biosciences Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2018, which was originally filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on March 12, 2019 (the "Original 10-K") and amended on March 26, 2019. This Amendment No. 2 is being filed to amend Item 9A of the Original 10-K in order to include two paragraphs that were inadvertently omitted from the Original 10-K. In addition, as required by Rule 12b-15 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, new certifications by our principal executive officer and principal financial officer are filed as exhibits to this Amendment No. 2. However, because no financial statements are contained within this Amendment No. 2, we are not including new certifications pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. Except as specifically provided otherwise herein, this Amendment No. 2 does not reflect events occurring after March 12, 2019, the date of the filing of our Original 10-K, or modify or update those disclosures that may have been affected by subsequent events. Accordingly, this Amendment No. 2 should be read in conjunction with the Original 10-K.

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## PART II.

### ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

As of the end of our fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, an evaluation of the effectiveness of our “disclosure controls and procedures” (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the United States Securities Exchange Act of 1934) was carried out by our management, with the participation of our principal executive officer and principal financial officer. Based upon that evaluation, our principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that as of the end of that fiscal year, our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is (i) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms and (ii) accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officers, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

It should be noted that while our principal executive officer and principal financial officer believe that our disclosure controls and procedures provide a reasonable level of assurance that they are effective, they do not expect that our disclosure controls and procedures or internal control over financial reporting will prevent all errors or fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived or operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met.

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting as such term is defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(f). Internal control over financial reporting is a process designed under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our principal executive and financial officer, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As of December 31, 2018, our management assessed the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting using the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission in Internal Control-Integrated Framework (2013 Framework). Based on this assessment, our management concluded that, as of December 31, 2018, our internal control over financial reporting was effective based on those criteria. We are an “emerging growth company,” as defined in the JOBS Act. For as long as we continue to be an emerging growth company, we may take advantage of exemptions from various reporting requirements that are applicable to other public companies that are not emerging growth companies, including not being required to comply with the auditor attestation requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

### CHANGES IN INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the 1934 Act) during our fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2018, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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**PART IV.**

**ITEM 15. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES**

(a) Documents filed as part of this report.

1. Financial Statements. Consolidated Financial Statements are included in our Original 10-K immediately following the signature page of the report.

2. Financial Statement Schedules.

All schedules were omitted because they were not applicable or the required information was shown in the Consolidated Financial Statements or notes thereto filed with our Original 10-K.

(b) Exhibits

The exhibits listed in Part IV, Item 15. "Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules" of the Original 10-K were filed or incorporated by reference as part of the Original 10-K and the exhibits listed in the Exhibit Index below are filed herewith as part of this Amendment No. 2.

**Exhibit Number**

**Description of Document**

<a href="#"><u>31.1</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Certification of Principal Executive Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</u></a>
<a href="#"><u>31.2</u></a>	<a href="#"><u>Certification of Principal Financial Officer Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</u></a>



## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of San Diego, State of California, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

**Aptose Biosciences Inc.**

By: /s/ William G. Rice  
William G. Rice  
Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President

**Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

I, William G. Rice, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Amendment No. 2 to Annual Report on Form 10-K/A of Aptose Biosciences Inc.; and
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report.

Date: April 12, 2019

/s/ William G. Rice, Ph.D.  
Name: William G. Rice, Ph.D.  
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

**Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

I, Gregory K. Chow, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Amendment No. 2 to Annual Report on Form 10-K/A of Aptose Biosciences Inc.; and
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report.

Date: April 12, 2019

/s/ Gregory K. Chow  
Name: Gregory K. Chow  
Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer