

**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): March 18, 2024**

**Heron Therapeutics, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**001-33221**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**94-2875566**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**4242 Campus Point Court, Suite 200, San Diego, CA**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**92121**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code (858) 251-4400**

**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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- 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 \$0.01 per share	HRTX	The Nasdaq Capital 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.

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

On March 18, 2024, Ira Duarte was designated as Heron Therapeutics, Inc.'s principal accounting officer, replacing Lisa Peraza, the Company's current Chief Accounting Officer and principal accounting officer, effective March 29, 2024 (the "Effective Date"). Ms. Peraza will continue to serve in her current position until her employment with the Company ends on the Effective Date.

Ms. Duarte's biographical information is disclosed in the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K that was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 8, 2023, and is incorporated herein by reference. There are no arrangements or understandings between Ms. Duarte and any other persons pursuant to which she was selected as the Company's principal accounting officer. There are no family relationships between Ms. Duarte and any director or executive officer of the Company. There are no related party transactions between the Company and Ms. Duarte that would require disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K. Ms. Duarte will not receive any adjustment to her compensation or any additional compensation in connection with performing the functions of the principal accounting officer of the Company.

**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: March 21, 2024

Heron Therapeutics, Inc.

/s/ Ira Duarte

Ira Duarte

Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer