

**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): **June 14, 2021**

**Fortress Biotech, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-35366**  
(Commission File Number)

**20-5157386**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**2 Gansevoort Street, 9th Floor  
New York, New York 10014**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**(781) 652-4500**  
(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.
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act.

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	FBIO	Nasdaq Capital Market
9.375% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Stock	FBIOF	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).

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 8.01. Other Events.**

On June 14, 2021, Avenue Therapeutics, Inc. (“Avenue”), a Fortress Biotech, Inc. partner company, announced that Avenue had received a second Complete Response Letter (“CRL”) from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (the “FDA”) regarding its New Drug Application seeking approval for IV tramadol. The CRL stated that the delayed and unpredictable onset of analgesia with IV tramadol does not support its benefit as a monotherapy to treat patients in acute pain and that there is insufficient information to support that IV tramadol in combination with other analgesics is safe and effective for the intended patient population. The FDA did not identify any Chemistry, Manufacturing and Controls issues in this second CRL. Avenue stated in the same announcement that it disagrees with the FDA’s interpretation of the data in the NDA and intends to continue to pursue regulatory approval for IV tramadol.

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**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.

**Fortress Biotech, Inc.**  
(Registrant)

Date: June 17, 2021

By: /s/ Lindsay A. Rosenwald, M.D.  
Lindsay A. Rosenwald, M.D.  
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

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