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

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

**KALA BIO, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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

**1167 Massachusetts Avenue**  
**Arlington, MA**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**27-0604595**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**02476**  
(Zip Code)

**Amended and Restated 2017 Equity Incentive Plan**  
**Amended and Restated 2017 Employee Stock Purchase Plan**  
**Inducement Stock Option Awards (June 23, 2023 – January 16, 2024)**  
(Full Title of the Plan)

**Mark Iwicki**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**KALA BIO, Inc.**  
**1167 Massachusetts Avenue**  
**Arlington, MA 02476**

(Name and Address of Agent For Service)

**(781) 996-5252**  
(Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Agent For Service)

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

Large accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

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 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.

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## PART I

### INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

#### Item 1. Plan Information.

The information required by Item 1 is omitted from this registration statement and included in documents sent or given to participants in the plans covered by this registration statement pursuant to Rule 428(b)(1) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”) and the Note to Part I of Form S-8.

#### Item 2. Registrant Information and Employee Plan Annual Information.

The written statement required by Item 2 is omitted from this registration statement and included in documents sent or given to participants in the plans covered by this registration statement pursuant to Rule 428(b)(1) of the Securities Act and the Note to Part I of Form S-8.

## PART II

### INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

#### Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The registrant is subject to the informational and reporting requirements of Sections 13(a), 14, and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), and in accordance therewith files reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”). The following documents, which are on file with the Commission, are incorporated in this registration statement by reference:

(a) The registrant’s latest annual report filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act or the latest prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act that contains audited financial statements for the registrant’s latest fiscal year for which such statements have been filed.

(b) All other reports filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act since the end of the fiscal year covered by the document referred to in (a) above.

(c) The description of the registrant’s securities contained in the registrant’s Registration Statement on Form 8-A (File No. 001-38150) as filed with the Commission on July 14, 2017, as the description therein has been updated and superseded by the description of the registrant’s capital stock contained in [Exhibit 4.3](#) to the registrant’s Annual Report on [Form 10-K](#) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, as filed with the Commission on March 29, 2024, including any amendments and reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents subsequently filed by the registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this registration statement and to be part hereof from the date of the filing of such documents. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for the purposes of this registration statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this registration statement.

#### Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

#### Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not applicable.

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## **Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.**

Section 102 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, or the DGCL, permits a corporation to eliminate the personal liability of its directors or its stockholders for monetary damages for a breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except where the director breached his or her duty of loyalty, failed to act in good faith, engaged in intentional misconduct or knowingly violated a law, authorized the payment of a dividend or approved a stock repurchase in violation of Delaware corporate law or obtained an improper personal benefit. The registrant's restated certificate of incorporation provides that no director shall be personally liable to it or its stockholders for monetary damages for any breach of fiduciary duty as a director, notwithstanding any provision of law imposing such liability, except to the extent that the DGCL prohibits the elimination or limitation of liability of directors for breaches of fiduciary duty.

Section 145 of the DGCL provides that a corporation has the power to indemnify a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation and certain other persons serving at the request of the corporation in related capacities against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlements actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with an action, suit or proceeding to which he or she is or is threatened to be made a party by reason of such position, if such person acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, in any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful, except that, in the case of actions brought by or in the right of the corporation, no indemnification shall be made with respect to any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery or other adjudicating court determines that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all of the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification for such expenses which the Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper.

The registrant's restated certificate of incorporation provides that it will indemnify each person who was or is a party or threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the registrant), by reason of the fact that he or she is or was, or has agreed to become, a director or officer, or is or was serving, or has agreed to serve, at the registrant's request as a director, officer, partner, employee or trustee of, or in a similar capacity with, another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise (all such persons being referred to as an Indemnitee), or by reason of any action alleged to have been taken or omitted in such capacity, against all expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred in connection with such action, suit or proceeding and any appeal therefrom if such Indemnitee acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the registrant's best interests, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, he or she had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful.

The registrant's restated certificate of incorporation provides that the registrant will indemnify any Indemnitee who was or is a party to an action or suit by or in the right of the registrant to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that the Indemnitee is or was, or has agreed to become, a director or officer, or is or was serving, or has agreed to serve, at the registrant's request as a director, officer, partner, employee or trustee of, or in a similar capacity with, another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, or by reason of any action alleged to have been taken or omitted in such capacity, against all expenses (including attorneys' fees) and, to the extent permitted by law, amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred in connection with such action, suit or proceeding, and any appeal therefrom, if the Indemnitee acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the registrant's best interests, except that no indemnification shall be made with respect to any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the registrant, unless a court determines that, despite such adjudication but in view of all of the circumstances, he or she is entitled to indemnification of such expenses. Notwithstanding the foregoing, to the extent that any Indemnitee has been successful, on the merits or otherwise, he or she will be indemnified by the registrant against all expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by him or her or on his or her behalf in connection therewith. If the registrant does not assume the defense, expenses must be advanced to an Indemnitee under certain circumstances.

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The registrant has entered into indemnification agreements with all of its directors and officers. In general, these agreements provide that the registrant will indemnify the director or officer to the fullest extent permitted by law for claims arising in his or her capacity as a director or officer of the registrant or in connection with their service at the registrant's request for another corporation or entity. The indemnification agreements also provide for procedures that will apply in the event that a director or officer makes a claim for indemnification and establish certain presumptions that are favorable to the director or officer.

In addition, the registrant maintains a general liability insurance policy that covers certain liabilities of the registrant's directors and officers arising out of claims based on acts or omissions in their capacities as directors or officers.

**Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.**

Not applicable.

**Item 8. Exhibits.**

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description of Exhibit</b>
4.1	<a href="#">Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant, as amended as of November 28, 2022, including Certificate of Designation of the Series D Preferred Stock of Registrant, Certificate of Elimination of Number of Shares of Preferred Stock Designated as Series D Preferred Stock of Registrant, Certificate of Designations, Preferences and Rights of Series E Convertible Non-Redeemable Preferred Stock of Registrant, Certificate of Designations, Preferences and Rights of Series F Convertible Non-Redeemable Preferred Stock of Registrant and Certificate of Designations, Preferences and Rights of Series G Convertible Non-Redeemable Preferred Stock of Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant's annual report on Form 10-K (File No. 001-38150) filed on March 29, 2024)</a>
4.2	<a href="#">Third Amended and Restated By-laws of the Registrant (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant's current report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-38150) filed on August 2, 2023)</a>
5.1	<a href="#">Opinion of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP</a>
23.1	<a href="#">Consent of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)</a>
23.2	<a href="#">Consent of Deloitte &amp; Touche LLP</a>
24.1	<a href="#">Power of attorney (included on the signature pages of this registration statement)</a>
99.1	<a href="#">Amended and Restated 2017 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Registrant's registration statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-272834) filed on June 22, 2023)</a>
99.3	<a href="#">Form of Inducement Stock Option Agreement (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Registrant's quarterly report on Form 10-Q (File No. 001-38150) filed on November 8, 2018)</a>
107	<a href="#">Filing Fee Table</a>

**Item 9. Undertakings.**

1. The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

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(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement; *provided, however*, that paragraphs (1)(i) and (ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

2. The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

3. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in Arlington, Massachusetts on this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

KALA BIO, INC.

By: /s/ MARK IWICKI

Mark Iwicki  
Chief Executive Officer

## POWER OF ATTORNEY AND SIGNATURES

We, the undersigned officers and directors of KALA BIO, Inc., hereby severally constitute and appoint Mark Iwicki, Mary Reumuth and Eric L. Trachtenberg, and each of them singly, our true and lawful attorneys with full power to them, and each of them singly, to sign for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below, the registration statement on Form S-8 filed herewith and any and all subsequent amendments to said registration statement, and generally to do all such things in our names and on our behalf in our capacities as officers and directors to enable KALA BIO, Inc. to comply with the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and all requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, hereby ratifying and confirming our signatures as they may be signed by our said attorneys, or any of them, to said registration statement and any and all amendments thereto.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>/s/ MARK IWICKI</u> Mark Iwicki	Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Board of Directors (Principal Executive Officer)	March 29, 2024
<u>/s/ MARY REUMUTH</u> Mary Reumuth	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	March 29, 2024
<u>/s/ MARK S. BLUMENKRANZ</u> Mark S. Blumenkranz, M.D.	Director	March 29, 2024
<u>/s/ MARJAN FARID</u> Marjan Farid, M.D.	Director	March 29, 2024
<u>/s/ ANDREW I. KOVEN</u> Andrew I. Koven	Director	March 29, 2024
<u>/s/ C. DANIEL MYERS</u> C. Daniel Myers	Director	March 29, 2024
<u>/s/ GREGORY PERRY</u> Gregory Perry	Director	March 29, 2024
<u>/s/ HOWARD B. ROSEN</u> Howard B. Rosen	Director	March 29, 2024

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March 29, 2024

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Re: Amended and Restated 2017 Equity Incentive Plan; Amended and Restated 2017 Employee Stock Purchase Plan; Inducement Stock Option Awards (June 23, 2023 – January 16, 2024)

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have assisted in the preparation of a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the “**Registration Statement**”) to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**Commission**”) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “**Securities Act**”), relating to an aggregate of 360,148 shares (the “**Shares**”) of common stock, \$0.001 par value per share (“**Common Stock**”) of KALA BIO, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “**Company**”), consisting of (i) an aggregate of 327,070 additional shares of Common Stock issuable under the Company’s Amended and Restated 2017 Equity Incentive Plan (the “**Plan**”), (ii) an aggregate of 27,593 additional shares of Common Stock issuable under the Company’s Amended and Restated 2017 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the “**ESPP**”) and (iii) 5,485 shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to nonqualified stock option agreements, providing for employee inducement grants between the Company and various employees, which were entered into in connection with the commencement of such employees’ employment with the Company pursuant to Nasdaq Stock Market Rule 5635(c)(4) (the “**Inducement Award Agreements**”).

We have examined the Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Company, each as amended and/or restated to date, and originals, or copies certified to our satisfaction, of all pertinent records of the meetings of the board of directors and stockholders of the Company, the Registration Statement, the Plan, the ESPP, the Inducement Award Agreements and such other documents relating to the Company as we have deemed material for the purposes of this opinion.

In our examination of the foregoing documents, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as certified, photostatic or other copies, the authenticity of the originals of any such documents and the legal competence of all signatories to such documents.

We assume that the appropriate action will be taken, prior to the offer and sale of the Shares in accordance with the Plan, the ESPP and the Inducement Award Agreements, to register and qualify the Shares for sale under all applicable state securities or “blue sky” laws.

We express no opinion herein as to the laws of any state or jurisdiction other than the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

It is understood that this opinion is to be used only in connection with the offer and sale of the Shares while the Registration Statement is in effect.

Please note that we are opining only as to the matters expressly set forth herein, and no opinion should be inferred as to any other matters.

Based on the foregoing, we are of the opinion that the Shares have been duly authorized for issuance and, when the Shares are issued and paid for in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Plan, the ESPP or the Inducement Award Agreements, as applicable, the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

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We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion with the Commission in connection with the Registration Statement in accordance with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act. In giving such consent, we do not hereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP

WILMER CUTLER PICKERING  
HALE AND DORR LLP

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**CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-8 of our report dated March 29, 2024, relating to the financial statements of KALA BIO, Inc. (formerly Kala Pharmaceuticals, Inc.), appearing in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of KALA BIO, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2023.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Boston, Massachusetts  
March 29, 2024

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**Calculation of Filing Fee Tables**

**Form S-8**  
(Form Type)

**KALA BIO, Inc.**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Table 1—Newly Registered Securities**

<b>Security Type</b>	<b>Security Class Title</b>	<b>Fee Calculation Rule</b>	<b>Amount Registered (1)</b>	<b>Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit</b>	<b>Maximum Aggregate Offering Price</b>	<b>Fee Rate</b>	<b>Amount of Registration Fee</b>
Equity	Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share	Other	354,663 shares (2)	\$7.82 (3)	\$2,773,464.66 (3)	0.0001476	\$409.37
Equity	Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share	Other	450 shares (4)	\$14.43 (5)	\$6,493.50 (5)	0.0001476	\$0.96
Equity	Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share	Other	1,910 shares (4)	\$10.63 (5)	\$20,303.30 (5)	0.0001476	\$3.00
Equity	Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share	Other	3,125 shares (4)	\$7.85 (5)	\$24,531.25 (5)	0.0001476	\$3.63
<b>Total Offering Amounts</b>							\$416.96
<b>Total Fee Offsets</b>							\$0
<b>Net Fee Due</b>							\$416.96

- (1) In accordance with Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), this registration statement shall be deemed to cover any additional securities that may from time to time be offered or issued to prevent dilution resulting from stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions.
- (2) Reflects (i) 327,070 shares added to the Amended and Restated 2017 Equity Incentive Plan as of January 1, 2024 and (ii) 27,593 shares added to the Amended and Restated 2017 Employee Stock Purchase Plan as of January 1, 2024, pursuant to each plan’s evergreen provision.
- (3) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rules 457(c) and 457(h) of the Securities Act and based upon the average of the high and low prices of the Registrant’s Common Stock as reported on The Nasdaq Capital Market on March 26, 2024.
- (4) Consists of shares issuable under new hire inducement stock option awards granted between June 23, 2023 and January 16, 2024 in accordance with Nasdaq Listing Rule 5635(c)(4).
- (5) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(h) of the Securities Act. The proposed maximum price per share and the maximum aggregate offering price are calculated on the basis of the exercise price of the options outstanding under the applicable inducement stock option award.