#### 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): August 13, 2019

#### SYNLOGIC, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

001-37566 (Commission File Number) 26-1824804 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

301 Binney St., Suite 402 Cambridge, MA (Address of principal executive offices)

☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**02142** (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 401-9975

#### Not applicable

(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. pelow):
☐ 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))

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	SYBX	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 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

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.  $\boxtimes$ 

#### Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On August 13, 2019, Synlogic, Inc. (the "Company") updated its investor presentation (the "Investor Presentation"), which the Company expects to use in connection with general corporate presentations and will be made available on the Company's website or distributed by the Company in hardcopy or electronic form.

A copy of the Company's updated Investor Presentation is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. The Investor Presentation is current as of August 13, 2019, and the Company disclaims any obligation to update the Investor Presentation after such date.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 on Form 8-K, the information set forth in this Item 7.01 and the Investor Presentation attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1 is "furnished" and shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, nor shall such information be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits
- 99.1 Investor Presentation of Synlogic, Inc., dated August 13, 2019

#### SIGNATURES

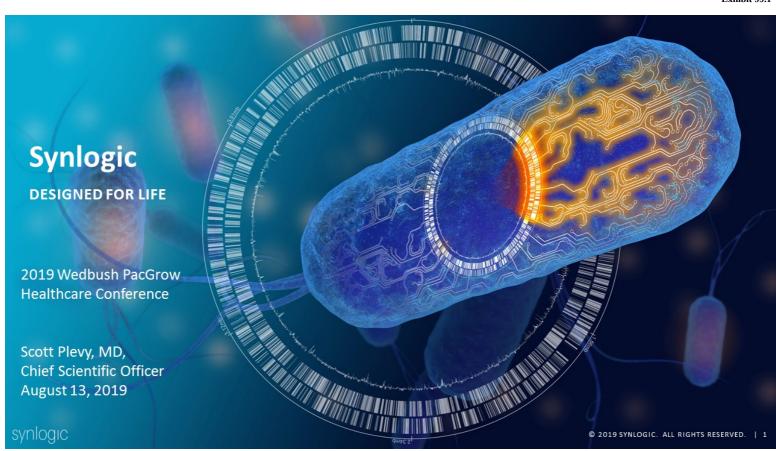
Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SYNLOGIC, INC.

Date: August 13, 2019

By: /s/ Todd Shegog

By: /s/ Todd Shegog
Name: Todd Shegog
Title: Chief Financial Officer



### **Forward Looking Statements**

This presentation contains "forward-looking statements" that involve substantial risks and uncertainties for purposes of the safe harbor provided by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included in this presentation regarding strategy, future operations, future financial position, future revenue, projected expenses, prospects, plans and objectives of management are forward-looking statements. In addition, when or if used in this presentation, the words "may," "could," "should," "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "plan," "predict" and similar expressions and their variants may identify forward-looking statements. Examples of forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, the approach we are taking to discover and develop novel therapeutics using synthetic biology; statements regarding the potential of our platform to develop therapeutics to address a wide range of diseases, including: inborn errors of metabolism, liver disease, inflammatory and immune disorders, and cancer; the future clinical development of Synthetic Biotic medicines; the potential of our technology to treat hyperammonemia and phenylketonuria; the expected timing of our anticipated clinical trial initiations; the benefit of orphan drug and fast track status; the adequacy of our capital to support our future operations and our ability to successfully initiate and complete clinical trials; the results of our collaborations; and the difficulty in predicting the time and cost of development of our product candidates. Actual results could differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement as a result of various factors, including, without limitation: the uncertainties inherent in the preclinical development process; our ability to protect our intellectual property rights; and legislative, regulatory, political and economic developments, as well as those risks identified under the heading "Risk Factors" in our filings with the SEC. The foregoing review of important factors that could cause actual events to differ from expectations should not be construed as exhaustive and should be read in conjunction with statements that are included herein and elsewhere, including the risk factors included in our Annual Report on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on August 8, 2019. The forward-looking statements contained in this presentation reflect our current views with respect to future events. We anticipate that subsequent events and developments will cause our views to change. However, while we may elect to update these forwardlooking statements in the future, we specifically disclaim any obligation to do so. These forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as representing our view as of any date subsequent to the date hereof.





### Synthetic Biotic™ Medicines A Novel Class of Engineered Living Medicines

#### **SYNTHETIC**

- Designed genetic circuits to execute biological functions
- · Degradation of disease-causing metabolites
- · Production of therapeutic molecules

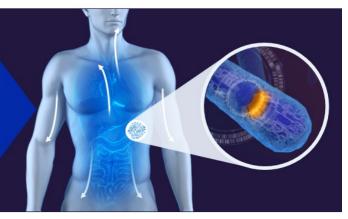
#### **BIOTIC**

- · Bacterial chassis
- Non-pathogenic
- Amenable to genetic manipulation

PATHWAYS, COMBINATIONS, BIOMARKERS

PROGRAMMABLE POTENCY AND CONTROL

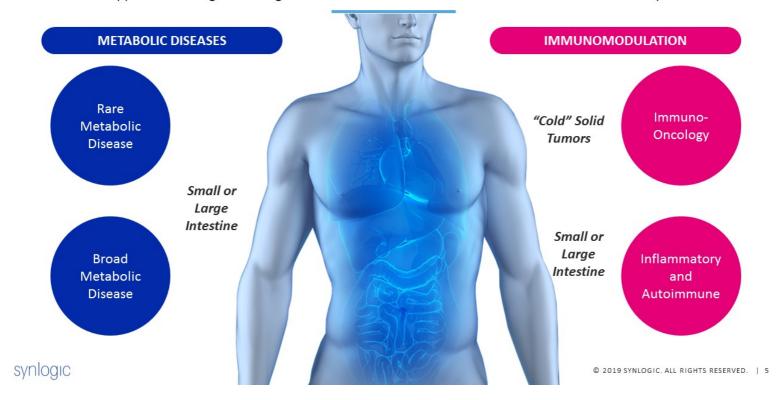
LOCAL ACTIVITY, REDUCED SYSTEMIC TOXICITY



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# Synthetic Biotic Portfolio: Breadth and Potential

Initial Applications Designed to Target Different Sites of Action in Metabolic and Immunomodulatory Diseases



# Investing in Development of a Robust Pipeline for a Range of Diseases

	Research IND-Enabling Phase 1 Phase 2
Hyperammonemia – Urea Cycle Disorder	SYNB1020
Phenylketonuria	SYNB1618
Additional Rare Metabolic Diseases	
Hyperammonemia – Hepatic Encephalopathy (HE)	SYNB1020
Inflammatory Bowel Disease	abbvie
Immuno-Oncology Solid Tumors	SYNB1891
Additional Oncology Applications	

Rare Metabolic Diseases Broad Metabolic Disease Immunomodulation

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### SYNB1020 for Hyperammonemia Indications

Characterized by Systemic Ammonia Accumulation

#### **HEPATIC ENCEPHALOPATHY (HE)**

# Neuropsychiatric complication in patients with end-stage liver disease (cirrhosis)

- · Liver dysfunction leads to ammonia accumulation
- Toxic to brain, leading to HE crisis & hospitalization

#### **Patients**

- 165,000 diagnosed overt patients in US
- Up to 70% of patients with cirrhosis characterized as covert (subclinical)

#### Treatment:

- · Lactulose: laxative with significant side effects
- · Rifaximin: reduction in overt HE recurrence

#### Target Profile to Address Unmet Need:

- · Reduce episodes of hospitalization
- · Improve cognitive outcomes, Quality of Life

#### **UREA CYCLE DISORDERS (UCD)**

#### Genetic defects in Urea Cycle

- · Deficiency in one of the six enzymes
- Nitrogen accumulates as toxic ammonia leading to metabolic crisis

#### Patients:

~2,000 diagnosed in US; similar in EU

#### Treatment:

- Ammonia scavengers: Buphenyl® (sodium phenylbutyrate), Ravicti® (glycerol phenylbuterate)
- · Low protein diet with amino acid supplements

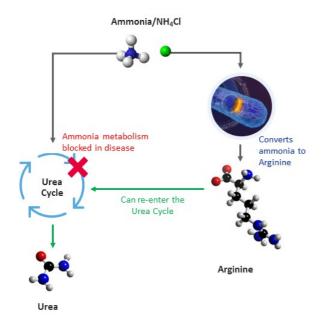
### Target Profile to Address Unmet Need:

- Maintain blood ammonia in normal range, avoid crisis
- Protein liberalization: 50-100% more per day
- · Oral administration



# SYNB1020 Mechanism of Action:

Conversion of Toxic Ammonia into Beneficial Arginine for the Treatment of UCD and HE





Dose-responsive ammonia lowering in multiple preclinical models

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# SYNB1020 Clinical Data in Healthy Volunteers

Dose-dependent Exposure, Clearance on Cessation of Dosing and Strain Activity



# SYNB1020 Clinical Development

Hepatic Encephalopathy Phase 1b/2a in Patients with Cirrhosis and Elevated Ammonia



#### **Hepatic Encephalopathy Clinical Trial**

- · Randomized, double-blind placebo-controlled study ongoing at multiple sites in the US
- · Primary outcome: establish safety/tolerability in patients with cirrhosis and elevated ammonia
- · Secondary outcome: reduction of ammonia

#### **Urea Cycle Disorders**

(Plans to continue development in UCD dependent on data from Ph 1b/2a HE study)





MELD score: scoring system model for end-stage liver disease

### SYNB1618 for Phenylketonuria (PKU)

Goal: Managing Plasma Phe Levels

#### PKU is a rare inherited amino acid metabolism disorder

- · Causes build up of amino acid phenylalanine (Phe) in the body
- $\bullet$  Today, less than half of adults are at or below target Phe levels of 120-360  $\mu mol$  / L
- · If left untreated, symptoms include cognitive impairment, convulsions, behavioral problems, skin rash

#### Patients:

• 16,500 diagnosed in US, similar in EU5

#### Treatment:

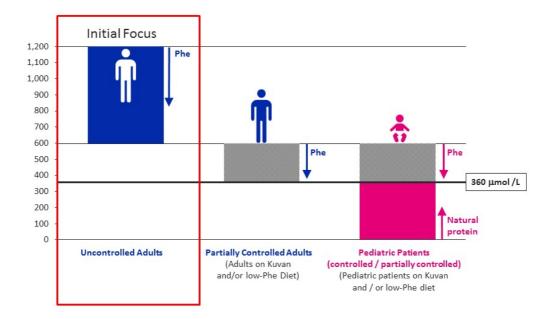
- · Phenylalanine is found in all proteins therefore low protein diet is followed (no meat, dairy, nuts, eggs)
- KUVAN® (sapropterin dihydrochloride): PAH cofactor. 20-40% of patients are responders
- Palynziq™ (pegvaliase-pqpz): injectable, pegylated, bacterial enzyme (phenylalanine ammonia-lyase or PAL) for treatment of adult patients

#### Target Profile to Address Unmet Need:

- Manage Phe below target levels to prevent irreversible cognitive damage
- Increase natural protein intake: classic PKU patients' natural protein intake is typically less than 10g
- · Oral dosing without systemic toxicity



# SYNB1618 Potential to Address Unmet Need Across Patient Groups

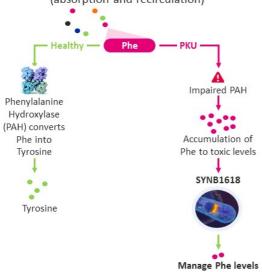




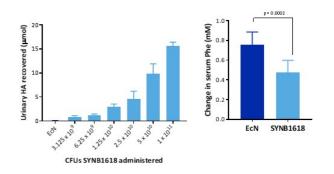
# SYNB1618 Mechanism of Action

#### Amino acids from dietary proteins

(absorption and recirculation)



### IN VIVO EFFICACY IN (PKU) PAHenu2/enu2 MOUSE



Nat. Biotechnol. 2018 Oct;36(9):857-864

SYNB1618 provides an alternative mechanism

- PAL3: produces TCA which is converted to HA in the liver and is excreted in urine
- · LAAD: produces phenylpyruvate (PP)



# SYNB1618 Phase 1/2a Study Design



#### **PKU Clinical Trial Design**

- Randomized, double-blind placebo-controlled study at multiple sites in the US
- Primary outcome: establish safety/tolerability following single and multiple doses in HV and PKU patients
- Secondary outcome: SYNB1618 kinetics in feces
- Exploratory: change from baseline in plasma and urinary biomarkers of Phe metabolism



### SYNB1618 in the Clinic: Safety

Phase 1/2a SAD/MAD Study Demonstrates Safety and Clearance in Healthy Volunteers and PKU Patients

56 healthy volunteers, 14 PKU patients Received at least one dose of SYNB1618 or placebo

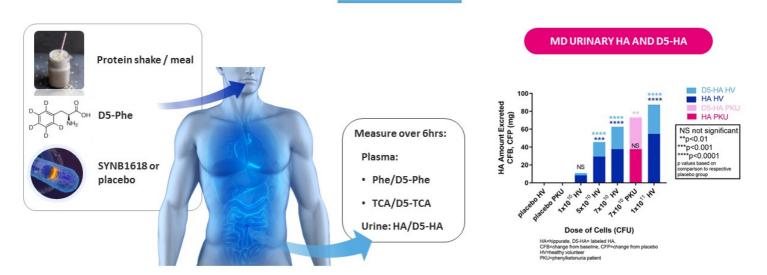
Adults
Age range: 18-62 yrs old

- ✓ No treatment-related SAEs, no systemic toxicity or infections
- ✓ Mild or moderate severity treatment-related AEs. Most GI-related
- ✓ Single dose MTD in healthy volunteers 2x10<sup>11</sup> CFU
- ✓ Evaluated dose of 7x10<sup>10</sup> CFU TID over seven days in PKU patients. Well tolerated no discontinuations.
- ✓ All subjects cleared SYNB1618 (one PKU patient in follow-up). No evidence of colonization



# SYNB1618 in the Clinic: Activity

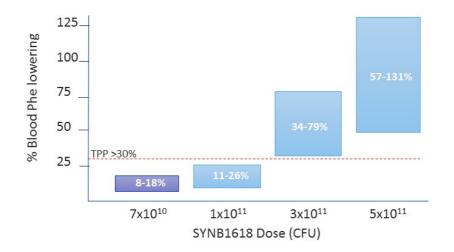
Statistically Significant and Equivalent Activity of SYNB1618 in Healthy Volunteers and Patients





Key: HA: Hippurate, D5-HA: labeled HA, CFB: change from baseline, CFP: change from placebo

# Modeling: Potential For Phe Reduction in PKU Patients



#### Ranges represent

- Low: PAL mechanism only (conservative)
- High: PAL + LAAD activity (estimates maximum with both pathways)

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# Development of Lyophilized SYNB1618

- Improved fermentation process enables production of a solid formulation of SYNB1618 with:
  - · Minimal impact on cell viability and activity
  - Similar activity to frozen liquid as measured by Phe consumption and biomarker production
  - · Improved quality attributes
  - · Patient and commercialization-friendly presentation
  - Stability profile at 2-8 °C and room temperature
- Process is robust and reproducible at 30 L production scale
- GMP cleanroom build-out has been completed, and lyophilized SYNB1618 material has been manufactured and released for clinical use

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### SYNB1618 Milestones

Established new solid formulation and manufacturing process



Completed EPO1 interactions with FDA to align on program plans (clinical, manufacturing, toxicology)



Completed Phase 1/2a study (healthy volunteers and PKU patients)



Initiated bridging study with solid formulation Q3 2019



Initiate efficacy study in PKU patients to assess Phe lowering 1H 2020





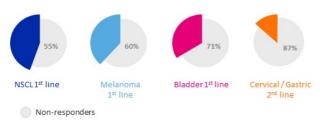
### Synlogic Vision for Immuno-Oncology

Expand the Benefits of Immunotherapy Broadly Across Tumor Types

#### **CHECKPOINT INHIBITORS HAVE TREATMENT FAILURES**

For indications where immune checkpoint inhibitors are indicated, 55-87% of patients fail to respond

#### Failure Rates for Select FDA Approved CPI Monotherapy



Other tumors, where CPIs are not indicated, show littleto-no response to checkpoint inhibitors

### Bacteria Recognized as **Earliest Immunotherapy**

profoundest secrets, and it is possible that she has given us a hint in which, if we will but follow, may lead us on to the



DR. WILLIAM B. COLEY

Enable broad response and remission through engagement of multiple immunomodulatory pathways to enhance tumor inflammation and promote robust T cell responses

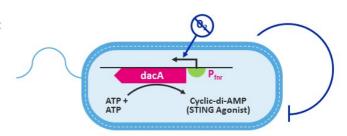


### **Dual Innate Immune Activator:**

Synthetic Biotic Medicine Producing STING Agonist (SYNB1891)

- Synthetic biology applied to confer activities for efficacy and control for safety
- Designed as a dual innate immune activator: combined benefit of bacterial chassis and STING agonist
- The dacA gene is integrated into genome under the control of inducible promoter ( $P_{fnr}$ ) to produce c-di-AMP (CDA)
- Dual biosafety feature via auxotrophies no proliferation in tumor, systemic circulation or environment
- Learnings inform future combinations

#### **ANAEROBIC ENVIRONMENT**



#### **Auxotrophies**

- · Diaminopimelic acid (DAP)
- Thymidine

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### **Dual Innate Immune Activator SYNB1891**

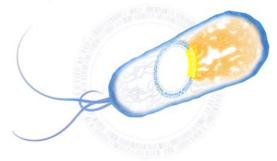
Designed to Locally Inflame the TME and Systemically Drive Tumor Antigen-Specific Immunity

#### PROGRESS TOWARDS THE CLINIC

- · Tumor Colonization without Leakage
- · Enhanced Activity vs. Naked STING Agonist
- Intracellular Activation of STING and Bacterial-Induced Immune Pathways Within APCs
- · Dose-dependent Anti-tumor Activity
- Immunological Memory
- · Atezolizumab supply agreement in place
- · IND Cleared by FDA
- Phase 1 monotherapy data expected in 2020

#### PROMISE OVER OTHER APPROACHES

- STING Agonism in Target Cells that Drive Efficacy
- Sparing Cells Where STING Agonism is Detrimental
- Activation of Multiple Innate Immune Pathways
- Low Systemic Risk





# **Broad Ambitions in Immuno-Oncology**

Vision: Expand and Exceed the Effect of Cancer Immunotherapies



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# Platform Collaboration to Accelerate Development of Synlogic's Synthetic Biotic Medicines





- Provides access to Ginkgo's industrial scale, highthroughput strain optimization and screening
- Enables screening and identification of higher quality optimized candidates, increasing potential for success
- Delivers novel tools for increased candidate potency
- Included equity investment at a premium, extending runway through multiple milestones

Builds off validated pilot program initiated in 2017

# 2019 Progress and Milestones

#### SYNB1618 in PKU

- ✓ Completed Phase 1/2a study in healthy volunteers and patients, topline data presented
  - > Full data presentation Sept. 2019 (SSIEM)
    - ✓ Bridging study initiated

#### SYNB1020 in Hyperammonemia

- ✓ Preclin. and HV clin. data published in Sci. Transl. Med.
  - > Complete ongoing study in patients with cirrhosis
- > Data expected 3Q2019 (safety, tolerability and ammonia-lowering)
  - > With ammonia-lowering data define development plan

#### SYNB1891 in Immuno-Oncology

- ✓ IND Cleared by FDA
- ✓ Clinical trial material manufactured and CPI agreement in place
- ✓ Advance AbbVie collaboration establish Ginkgo collaboration
  - > Advance preclinical pipeline







