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): January 11, 2022

IVERIC bio, Inc.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware	**001-36080**	**20-8185347**
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

Five Penn Plaza, Suite 2372
New York, NY 10001
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(212) 845-8200**

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)
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☐ 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, $0.001 par value per share	ISEE	The Nasdaq Global Select 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. ☐

Forward-Looking Statements

Any statements in this Current Report on Form 8-K about IVERIC bio, Inc.'s (the "Company") future expectations, plans and prospects constitute forward-looking statements for purposes of the safe harbor provisions under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements include any statements about the Company's strategy, future operations and future expectations and plans and prospects, and any other statements containing the words "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "expect," "intend", "goal," "future", "may", "might," "plan," "predict," "project," "seek," "target," "potential," "will," "would," "could," "should," "continue," and similar expressions. In this Current Report on Form 8-K, the Company's forward looking statements include statements about the Company's expectations regarding patient retention in its GATHER2 clinical trial. Such forward-looking statements involve substantial risks and uncertainties that could cause the Company's development programs, future results, performance or achievements to differ significantly from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, among others, those related to the progression and duration of the COVID-19 pandemic and responsive measures thereto and related effects on the Company's research and development programs, operations and financial position, reliance on clinical trial sites, contract research organizations and other third parties, and other factors discussed in the "Risk Factors" section contained in the quarterly and annual reports that the Company files with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Any forward-looking statements represent the Company's views only as of the date of this Current Report on Form 8-K. The Company anticipates that subsequent events and developments may cause its views to change. While the Company may elect to update these forward-looking statements at some point in the future, the Company specifically disclaims any obligation to do so except as required by law.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

GATHER2 Patient Retention

In GATHER2, the Company's Phase 3 clinical trial evaluating the safety and efficacy of Zimura® (avacincaptad pegol) for the treatment of geographic atrophy ("GA") secondary to age-related macular degeneration, as of January 10, 2022, the Company continues to maintain an injection fidelity rate through month 12 well above its target injection fidelity rate of greater than 90%. As the Company previously disclosed, the 12-month injection fidelity rate for the Company's previously completed GATHER1 clinical trial, in which the Company observed a statistically significant reduction in the mean rate of GA growth over 12 months as compared to sham for both the Zimura 2 mg and Zimura 4 mg treatment groups, was 87%. The injection fidelity rate is calculated by dividing the total number of actual injections for all patients by the total number of expected injections based on the total number of patients enrolled in the trial..

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.

IVERIC bio, Inc.

Date: January 11, 2022

By: /s/ David F. Carroll
David F. Carroll
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer