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| | FORM 8-K | |
| | CURRENT REPORT SUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF TH ECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 | IE |
| Date of Re | port (Date of earliest event reported): June 1 | 7, 2021 |
| | Onconova Therapeutics, Inc. et name of Registrant as specified in its charte | rr) |
| Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) | 001-36020 (Commission File Number) | 22-3627252 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.) |
| (Address, Including Zip Code, and Tele | 375 Pheasant Run Newtown, PA 18940 (267) 759-3680 phone Number, Including Area Code, of Regi | strant's Principal Executive Offices) |
| | Not Applicable ame or former address, if changed since last | |
| Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing i following provisions: | s intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing | obligation of the registrant under any of the |
| ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under | the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425) | |
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| ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Ru | le 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR | 240.14d-2(b)) |
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| Title of each class | Trading Symbol(s) | Name of each exchange on which registered |
| Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share Common Stock Warrants | ONTX ONTXW | The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC |
| Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emergical chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of | | of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this |
| Emerging growth company \square | | |

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On June 22, 2021, Onconova Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release, attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report, indicating that on June 17, 2021 it received a letter from The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC stating that the Company has regained compliance with the minimum bid price requirement of Nasdaq Listing Rule 5550(a)(2) because the Company's common stock had a closing price of at least \$1.00 per share for 18 consecutive days, from May 21, 2021 to June 16, 2021. A copy of the letter from The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC ("Nasdaq") received on June 17, 2021 is attached as Exhibit 99.2 to this report.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

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| Exhibit | | |
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| Number | Description | |
| <u>99.1</u> | Press Release Dated June 22, 2021 | |
| <u>99.2</u> | Letter from Nasdag Dated June 17, 2021 | |
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SIGNATURE

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.

Dated: June 22, 2021 Onconova Therapeutics, Inc.

By: /s/ MARK GUERIN

Name: Mark Guerin

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Onconova Therapeutics Regains Compliance with Nasdaq Continued Listing Requirement

NEWTOWN, Pa., June 22, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) – Onconova Therapeutics, Inc. (NASDAQ: ONTX) ("Onconova"), a biopharmaceutical company focused on discovering and developing novel products for patients with cancer, announced that on June 17, 2021 it received a letter from The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC stating that the Company has regained compliance with the minimum bid price requirement of Nasdaq Listing Rule 5550(a)(2), as the Company's common stock had a closing bid price of at least \$1.00 per share for 18 consecutive business days, from May 21, 2021 to June 16, 2021.

About Onconova Therapeutics, Inc.

Onconova Therapeutics is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on discovering and developing novel products for patients with cancer. The Company has proprietary targeted anti-cancer agents designed to disrupt specific cellular pathways that are important for cancer cell proliferation.

Onconova's novel, proprietary multi-kinase inhibitor ON 123300 is being evaluated in two separate and complementary Phase 1 dose-escalation and expansion studies. These trials are currently underway in the United States and China.

Onconova's product candidate rigosertib is being studied in an investigator-initiated study program, including in a dose-escalation and expansion Phase 1/2a investigator-initiated study targeting patients with KRAS+ non-small cell lung cancer with oral rigosertib in combination with nivolumab. In addition, Onconova continues to conduct preclinical work investigating rigosertib in COVID-19.

For more information, please visit www.onconova.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

Some of the statements in this release are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, and involve risks and uncertainties. These statements relate to Onconova's expectations regarding the registered direct offering, its patents and clinical development plans including [patient enrollment timelines and] indications for its product candidates. Onconova has attempted to identify forward-looking statements by terminology including "believes," "estimates," "anticipates," "expects," "plans," "intends," "may," "could," "might," "will," "should," "approximately" or other words that convey uncertainty of future events or outcomes. Although Onconova believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable as of the date made, expectations may prove to have been materially different from the results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These statements are only predictions and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors, including the success and timing of Onconova's clinical trials and regulatory agency and institutional review board approvals of protocols, Onconova's ability to maintain its Nasdaq listing, the timing of the Company's annual stockholder meeting, market conditions and those and those discussed under the heading "Risk Factors" in Onconova's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and quarterly reports on Form 10-Q. Any forward-looking statements contained in this release speak only as of its date. Onconova undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements contained in this release to reflect events or circumstances occurring after its date or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

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By Electronic Delivery to: mguerin@onconova.us

June 17, 2021

Mr. Mark Guerin Chief Financial Officer Onconova Therapeutics, Inc. 375 Pheasant Run Newtown, PA 18940

Re: Onconova Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Company")

Nasdaq Symbol: ONTX

Dear Mr. Guerin:

On May 11, 2021, Staff notified the Company that its common stock failed to maintain a minimum bid price of \$1.00 over the previous 30 consecutive business days as required by the Listing Rules of The Nasdaq Stock Market. Since then, Staff has determined that for the last 18 consecutive business days, from May 21, 2021 to June 16, 2021, the closing bid price of the Company's common stock has been at \$1.00 per share or greater. Accordingly, the Company has regained compliance with Listing Rule 5550(a)(2) and this matter is now closed.

If you have any questions, please contact me at +1 301 978 8085.

Sincerely,

Patryk Muter Listing Analyst

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Nasdaq Listing Qualifications

Nasdag Regulation