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

FORM S-8
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

OPIANT PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

46-4744124

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

**233 Wilshire Blvd. Suite 280
Santa Monica, California 90401**

(Address of principal executive offices including zip code)

OPIANT PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 2017 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN

(Full title of the plan)

**Dr. Roger Crystal
Chief Executive Officer
Opiant Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
233 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 280
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(310) 598-5410**

(Name, address, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Copy to:

**Elton Satusky
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Professional Corporation
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Palo Alto, CA 94304-1050
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Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a 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. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-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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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered ⁽¹⁾	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share ⁽²⁾	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price ⁽²⁾	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock \$0.001 par value per share	167,457 shares	\$11.37	\$1,903,986.09	\$247.14
TOTAL	167,457 shares		\$1,903,986.09	\$247.14

(1) 167,457 shares of common stock, \$0.001 par value per share (“**Common Stock**”), of Opiant Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the “**Registrant**”), which may be offered or issued pursuant to the Opiant Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 2017 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the “**2017 Plan**”), comprised of shares of Common Stock authorized as of January 1, 2020 pursuant to the 2017 Plan’s evergreen provision, are registered on this Form S-8. In addition, pursuant to Rule 416(c) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “**Securities Act**”), this Registration Statement on Form S-8 also covers an indeterminate number of shares of Common Stock which may be offered or issued pursuant to the 2017 Plan to prevent dilution resulting from adjustments as a result of stock dividends, stock splits, reverse stock splits, recapitalizations, reclassifications, mergers, split-ups, reorganizations, consolidations and other capital adjustments.

(2) Estimated solely for purposes of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(c) and (h). The proposed maximum offering price per share, proposed maximum aggregate offering price and the amount of the registration fee are based on the average of the high and low prices of Registrant’s Common Stock of \$11.37 as reported on the Nasdaq Capital Market on March 9, 2020.

PART I
INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

The information specified in Item 1 and Item 2 of Part I of Form S-8 is omitted from this Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the “**Registration Statement**”) in accordance with the provisions of Rule 428 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “**Securities Act**”), and the introductory note to Part I of Form S-8. The documents containing the information specified in Part I of Form S-8 will be delivered to the participants in the equity benefit plans covered by this Registration Statement as specified by Rule 428(b)(1) under the Securities Act.

PART II
INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

Opiant Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the “**Registrant**”) hereby incorporates by reference into this Registration Statement the following documents previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**Commission**”):

- the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, filed with the SEC on March 4, 2020;
- all reports filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act since the end of the fiscal year covered by the Registrant’s Annual Report referred to above (other than information in any Current Report on Form 8-K deemed to have been furnished and not filed in accordance with the rules of the Commission and, except as may be noted in any such Form 8-K, exhibits filed on such Form 8-K that are related to such information); and
- the description of our Common Stock contained in the Registration Statement on Form 8-A12B filed with the SEC on August 25, 2017.

In addition, all documents that the Registrant files pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act subsequent to the effective date of this Registration Statement (except for any portions of the Registrant’s Current Reports on Form 8-K furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 or Item 7.01 thereof and any corresponding exhibits thereto not filed with the Commission), but prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement indicating 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 a part hereof from the date of filing such documents.

For purposes of this Registration Statement, any document or statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded 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 document or statement in such document. Any such 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.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Under Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law (the “**DGCL**”), the Registrant has broad powers to indemnify its directors and officers against liabilities they may incur in such capacities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “**Securities Act**”). The Registrant’s Bylaws provide that the Registrant indemnify and hold harmless each person who was or is party or is threatened to be made party to any action, suit or proceeding (whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative) to which he is, or is threatened to be made, a party by reason of the fact that he is or was the legal representative, a director or officer or was serving at the request of the Registrant as a director or officer of another corporation, or as a controlling person of a partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, including service with respect to employee benefit plans, whether the basis of such proceeding is alleged action in an official capacity as a director or officer, or in any other capacity while serving as a director or officer, the Registrant shall indemnify and hold harmless such person to the fullest extent authorized by the DGCL. Further, the First Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant (the “**Certificate of Incorporation**”) requires the Registrant to indemnify each director or officer or employee of the Registrant against expenses (including attorneys’ fees), judgments, taxes, fines and amounts paid in settlement, incurred by him in connection with, and shall advance expenses (including attorneys’ fees) incurred by him in defending, any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding (whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative) to which he is, or is threatened to be made, a party by reason of the fact that he is or was a director or officer or employee of the Registrant, or is or was serving at the request of the Registrant as a director, officer, partner, employee or agent of another domestic or foreign corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise. Pursuant to the Registrant’s Certificate of Incorporation, advancement of expenses shall be made upon receipt of an undertaking, with such security, if any, as the Board of Directors or stockholders may reasonably require, by or on behalf of the person seeking indemnification to repay amounts advanced if it shall ultimately be determined that he is not entitled to be indemnified by the Registrant as authorized by the Certificate of Incorporation.

In addition, the Registrant’s Certificate of Incorporation provides that a director of the Registrant shall not be personally liable to the Registrant or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except for liability (i) for any breach of the director’s duty of loyalty to the Registrant or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) under Section 174 of the DGCL or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derives any improper personal benefit. If the DGCL hereafter is amended to further eliminate or limit the liability of a director, then a director of the Registrant, in addition to the circumstances in which a director is not personally liable as set forth in the preceding sentence, shall be relieved of liability to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL, as amended.

The Registrant maintains directors and officer’s liability insurance, providing coverage to directors and certain levels of officers, for losses they may suffer by reason of their positions that are not indemnifiable by the Registrant under Delaware law.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

See Exhibit Index immediately following the Signature Page.

Item 9. Undertakings.

A. 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;

(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 a 20 percent 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 (A)(1)(i) and (A)(1)(ii) above do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic 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 this 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.

B. 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 this 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.

C. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to the 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 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.

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number	Description
5.1*	Opinion of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, Professional Corporation
10.1+	Opiant Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 2017 Long-Term Incentive Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.52 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed on October 13, 2017).
10.2+	Forms of Incentive Stock Option Notice and Incentive Stock Option Agreement under the Opiant Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 2017 Long-Term Incentive Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on December 4, 2017).
10.3+	Forms of Nonstatutory Stock Option Notice and Nonstatutory Stock Option Agreement under the Opiant Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 2017 Long-Term Incentive Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed on December 4, 2017).
23.1*	Consent of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, Professional Corporation (contained in Exhibit 5.1 hereto)
23.2*	Consent of MaloneBailey, LLP
24.1	Power of Attorney (contained on signature page hereto)

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+ Indicates a management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement

* Filed herewith

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 the City of Santa Monica, State of California, on this 10th day of March, 2020.

OPIANT PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: /s/ Dr. Roger Crystal

Dr. Roger Crystal
Chief Executive

Officer and Director

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Dr. Roger Crystal and David O'Toole, and each of them acting individually, as his or her true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent with full power of substitution and resubstitution, in any and all capacities, for each to sign any and all amendments to this Registration Statement on Form S-8 (including post-effective amendments) and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorney-in-fact, proxy and agent, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith, as fully for all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact, proxy and agent, or his or her substitute, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement on Form S-8 and the Power of Attorney has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
<u>/s/ Dr. Roger Crystal</u> Dr. Roger Crystal	Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	March 10, 2020
<u>/s/ David O'Toole</u> David O'Toole	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	March 10, 2020
<u>/s/ Dr. Gabrielle Silver</u> Dr. Gabrielle Silver	Lead Independent Director	March 10, 2020
<u>/s/ Dr. Michael Sinclair</u> Dr. Michael Sinclair	Director	March 10, 2020
<u>/s/ Ann MacDougall</u> Ann MacDougall	Director	March 10, 2020
<u>/s/ Thomas T. Thomas</u> Thomas T. Thomas	Director	March 10, 2020
<u>/s/ Richard Daly</u> Richard Daly	Director	March 10, 2020
<u>/s/ Craig Collard</u> Craig Collard	Director	March 10, 2020

March 10, 2020

Opiant Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
201 Santa Monica Boulevard, Suite 500
Santa Monica, CA 90401

Re: Registration Statement on Form S-8

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have examined the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the “**Registration Statement**”) to be filed by Opiant Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a Delaware corporation, (the “**Company**”) with the Securities and Exchange Commission on or about the date hereof, in connection with the registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, of an aggregate of 167,457 shares of the Company’s common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the “**Shares**”), issuable under the Opiant Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 2017 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the “**2017 Plan**”), as referenced in the Registration Statement. As the Company’s legal counsel, we have reviewed the actions proposed to be taken by the Company in connection with the issuance and sale of the Shares to be issued under the Plan.

On the basis of the foregoing, and in reliance thereon, we are of the opinion that, when issued and sold in the manner described in the Plan and pursuant to the agreements which accompany the Plan, the Shares will be legally and validly issued, fully-paid and non-assessable.

We consent to the use of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement, and further consent to the use of our name wherever appearing in the Registration Statement and any amendments thereto.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati, P.C.

WILSON SONSINI GOODRICH & ROSATI
Professional Corporation

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-8 of our report dated March 4, 2020 relating to the financial statements, which appears in Opiant Pharmaceuticals, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2019.

/s/ MaloneBailey, LLP

MaloneBailey, LLP
Houston, Texas
March 10, 2020