
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 2)*

eFFECTOR Therapeutics, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share
(Title of Class of Securities)

28202V108
(CUSIP Number)

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

August 8, 2023
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1(e), Rule 13d-1(f) or Rule 13d-1(g), check the following box. []

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* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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| 1 | Names of Reporting Persons The Carlyle Group Inc. | |
| 2 | Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 3 | SEC Use Only | |
| 4 | Source of Funds (See Instructions) OO | |
| 5 | Check if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 6 | Citizenship or Place of Organization Delaware | |
| NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH | 7 | Sole Voting Power 0 |
| | 8 | Shared Voting Power 4,829,891 |
| | 9 | Sole Dispositive Power 0 |
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| 12 | Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 13 | Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 7.8% | |
| 14 | Type of Reporting Person CO | |

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| 14 | Type of Reporting Person OO (Limited Liability Company) | |

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| 1 | Names of Reporting Persons Carlyle Holdings I L.P. | |
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| 4 | Source of Funds (See Instructions) OO | |
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| 1 | Names of Reporting Persons Carlyle Genesis UK LLC | |
| 2 | Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/> | |
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| 2 | Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 3 | SEC Use Only | |
| 4 | Source of Funds (See Instructions) OO | |
| 5 | Check if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| 6 | Citizenship or Place of Organization England and Wales | |
| NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH | 7 | Sole Voting Power 0 |
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| 1 | Names of Reporting Persons Abingworth Bioventures VI LP | |
| 2 | Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/> | |
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| 4 | Source of Funds (See Instructions) OO | |
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Explanatory Note

This Amendment No. 2 to Schedule 13D (“Amendment No. 2”) amends and supplements the Schedule 13D originally filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission on September 3, 2021 (as amended to date, the “Schedule 13D”), relating to the shares of common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (the “Common Stock”), of eFFECTOR Therapeutics, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Issuer”). Capitalized terms used herein without definition shall have the meanings set forth in the Schedule 13D.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

Item 5 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

(a) – (b) The following sets forth, as of the date of this Schedule 13D, the aggregate number of shares of Common Stock and percentage of Common Stock beneficially owned by each of the Reporting Persons, as well as the number of shares of Common Stock as to which each Reporting Person has the sole power to vote or to direct the vote, shared power to vote or to direct the vote, sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of, or shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of, as of the date hereof, based on 61,765,616 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of July 31, 2023, as disclosed in the Issuer’s quarterly report on Form 10-Q filed on August 8, 2023.

| Reporting Person | Amount beneficially owned | Percent of class | Sole power to vote or to direct the vote | Shared power to vote or to direct the vote | Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition | Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| The Carlyle Group Inc. | 4,829,891 | 7.8% | 0 | 4,829,891 | 0 | 4,829,891 |
| Carlyle Holdings I GP Inc. | 4,829,891 | 7.8% | 0 | 4,829,891 | 0 | 4,829,891 |
| Carlyle Holdings I GP Sub L.L.C. | 4,829,891 | 7.8% | 0 | 4,829,891 | 0 | 4,829,891 |
| Carlyle Holdings I L.P. | 4,829,891 | 7.8% | 0 | 4,829,891 | 0 | 4,829,891 |
| CG Subsidiary Holdings L.L.C. | 4,829,891 | 7.8% | 0 | 4,829,891 | 0 | 4,829,891 |
| TC Group, L.L.C. | 4,829,891 | 7.8% | 0 | 4,829,891 | 0 | 4,829,891 |
| Carlyle Investment Management L.L.C. | 4,829,891 | 7.8% | 0 | 4,829,891 | 0 | 4,829,891 |
| Carlyle Genesis UK LLC | 4,829,891 | 7.8% | 0 | 4,829,891 | 0 | 4,829,891 |
| Abingworth LLP | 4,829,891 | 7.8% | 0 | 4,829,891 | 0 | 4,829,891 |
| Abingworth Bioventures VI LP | 4,829,891 | 7.8% | 0 | 4,829,891 | 0 | 4,829,891 |

Includes (i) 4,822,114 shares of Common Stock held of record by Abingworth Bioventures VI LP and (ii) 7,777 shares of Common Stock underlying stock options exercisable within 60 days of the date hereof.

The Carlyle Group Inc., which is a publicly traded entity listed on Nasdaq, is the sole shareholder of Carlyle Holdings I GP Inc., which is the sole member of Carlyle Holdings I GP Sub L.L.C., which is the general partner of Carlyle Holdings I L.P., which, with respect to the securities reported herein, is the managing member of CG Subsidiary Holdings L.L.C., which is the managing member of TC Group, L.L.C., which is the managing member of Carlyle Investment Management, L.L.C., which is the sole member of Carlyle Genesis UK LLC, which is the principal member of Abingworth LLP. Abingworth Bioventures VI LP has delegated to Abingworth LLP all investment and dispositive power over the securities held of record by Abingworth Bioventures VI LP. Accordingly, each of the foregoing entities may be deemed to share beneficial ownership of the securities held of record by Abingworth Bioventures VI LP, but each disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities.

- (c) During the past 60 days, the Reporting Persons have not effected any transactions with respect to the Common Stock.
- (d) None.
- (e) Not applicable.

SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: August 18, 2023

The Carlyle Group Inc.

By: /s/ Anne Frederick, attorney-in-fact

Name: Curtis L. Buser

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Carlyle Holdings I GP Inc.

By: /s/ Anne Frederick, attorney-in-fact

Name: Curtis L. Buser

Title: Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer

Carlyle Holdings I GP Sub L.L.C.

By: Carlyle Holdings I GP Inc., its sole member

By: /s/ Anne Frederick, attorney-in-fact

Name: Curtis L. Buser

Title: Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer

Carlyle Holdings I L.P.

By: /s/ Anne Frederick, attorney-in-fact

Name: Curtis L. Buser

Title: Managing Director

CG Subsidiary Holdings L.L.C.

By: /s/ Anne Frederick, attorney-in-fact

Name: Curtis L. Buser

Title: Managing Director

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Carlyle Investment Management L.L.C.By: /s/ Anne Frederick, attorney-in-fact

Name: Curtis L. Buser

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Carlyle Genesis UK LLC

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Name: Curtis L. Buser

Title: Chief Financial Officer

Abingworth LLPBy: /s/ John Heard

Name: John Heard

Title: Authorized Signatory

Abingworth Bioventures VI LPBy: /s/ John Heard

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