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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Smither John W</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O EFFECTOR THERAPEUTICS, INC.</u> <u>11120 ROSELLE ST SUITE A</u> (Street) <u>SAN DIEGO</u> <u>CA</u> <u>92121</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>eFFECTOR Therapeutics, Inc. [EFTR]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/25/2021</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	08/25/2021		A		24,142	A	(1)	24,142	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V			Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$1.97	08/25/2021		A		24,142 ⁽²⁾		(3)	03/26/2028	Common Stock	24,142	\$0.00	24,142	D	
Earn-out Right	(4)	08/25/2021		A		3,556 ⁽⁴⁾		(4)	(4)	Common Stock	3,556	\$0.00 ⁽⁴⁾	3,556	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. On August 25, 2021, pursuant to that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of May 26, 2021 (the "Merger Agreement"), by and among the Issuer (f/k/a Locust Walk Acquisition Corp.), Locust Walk Merger Sub, Inc. ("Merger Sub"), and eFFECTOR Therapeutics, Inc. ("Old eFFECTOR"), Merger Sub merged with and into Old eFFECTOR with Old eFFECTOR surviving as a wholly owned subsidiary of the Issuer (the "Merger"). Upon consummation of the Merger (the "Effective Time"), each issued and outstanding share of common stock of Old eFFECTOR was automatically cancelled and converted into approximately 0.09657 (the "Exchange Ratio") shares of common stock of the Issuer.
2. At the Effective Time, each outstanding option to purchase shares of old eFFECTOR common stock (each an "old eFFECTOR Option") was automatically cancelled and converted into an option to purchase a number of shares of common stock of the Issuer equal to (i) the number of shares of old eFFECTOR common stock subject to the applicable old eFFECTOR Option multiplied by (ii) the Exchange Ratio, rounded down to the nearest whole share.
3. The stock option vests 25% on March 22, 2019, and in 36 monthly installments thereafter, subject to the Reporting Person's continued service through the applicable vesting date.
4. Each earn-out right represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Issuer's common stock. Pursuant to an "Earn-Out" provision in the Merger Agreement, the earn-out rights vest upon the Issuer's common stock achieving a price per share which equals or exceeds \$20.00 over at least 20 trading days out of a 30 consecutive trading day period prior to August 26, 2023.

Remarks:

/s/ Michael Byrnes, Attorney-in-Fact for John W. Smither
** Signature of Reporting Person

08/27/2021
Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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