Prospectus Supplement No. 5 (To Prospectus dated March 21, 2022)

## eFFECTOR Therapeutics, Inc.



This prospectus supplement updates, amends and supplements the prospectus dated March 21, 2022 (the "Prospectus"), which forms a part of our Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-262339). Capitalized terms used in this prospectus supplement and not otherwise defined herein have the meanings specified in the Prospectus.

This prospectus supplement is being filed to update, amend and supplement the information included in the Prospectus with the information contained in our Current Report on Form 8-K (the "Current Report"), filed with the SEC on May 26, 2022. Accordingly, we have attached the Current Report to this prospectus supplement.

This prospectus supplement is not complete without the Prospectus. This prospectus supplement should be read in conjunction with the Prospectus, which is to be delivered with this prospectus supplement, and is qualified by reference thereto, except to the extent that the information in this prospectus supplement updates or supersedes the information contained in the Prospectus.

Our common stock and warrants are listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbols "EFTR" and "EFTRW." On May 25, 2022, the closing price of our common stock was \$1.90 and the closing price of our warrants was \$0.17.

We are an "emerging growth company" under federal securities laws and are subject to reduced public company reporting requirements. Investing in our securities involves certain risks. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 7 of the Prospectus.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if the Prospectus or this prospectus supplement is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus supplement is May 26, 2022.

# 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): May 26, 2022

# eFFECTOR Therapeutics, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	001-39866
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)

85-3306396 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

142 North Cedros Avenue, Suite B Solana Beach, California (Address of principal executive offices)

92075 (Zip Code)

(858) 925-8215 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Warrants to purchase common stock EFTRW Nasdaq Capital Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (Sec.230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Sec.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.  $\Box$ 

#### Item 8.01 Other Events.

On May 26, 2022, eFFECTOR Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Company" or "our") announced that the interim data from its ongoing Phase 1/2 clinical trial of zotatifin in solid tumors demonstrated that the recommended Phase 2 dose (RP2D) of zotatifin was well-tolerated and achieved pharmacologically active exposures as shown by reductions in target proteins in on-treatment biopsies and two responses as of the most recent data cut-off in the expansion cohorts.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

eFFECTOR cautions you that statements contained in this current report regarding matters that are not historical facts are forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements are based on our current beliefs and expectations and include, but are not limited to: the potential therapeutic benefits of our product candidates. Actual results may differ from those set forth in this press release due to the risks and uncertainties inherent in our business, including, without limitation: interim results of a clinical trial are not necessarily indicative of final results and one or more of the clinical outcomes may materially change as patient enrollment continues, following more comprehensive reviews of the data and more patient data become available; and other risks described in our prior filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof, and we undertake no obligation to update such statements to reflect events that occur or circumstances that exist after the date hereof. All forward-looking statements are qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement, which is made under the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

### **SIGNATURE**

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.

eFFECTOR Therapeutics, Inc.

Date: May 26, 2022 By: /s/ Michael Byrnes

Name: Michael Byrnes

Title: Chief Financial Officer