# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549** 

# FORM S-1 REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

# **Turnstone Biologics Corp.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

2836 (Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number) 83-2909368 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

9310 Athena Circle, Suite 300

La Jolla, California 92037

(347) 897-5988

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

Sammy Farah, M.B.A., Ph.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer
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| Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the pub | <b>blic:</b> As soon as practicable after this Registration Statement becomes |
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| ffective.  |   |

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933 check the following box:  $\Box$ 

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.  $\boxtimes$  (333-272600)

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.  $\Box$ 

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(d) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, 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.

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Large accelerated filer □ Accelerated filer □

Non-accelerated filer 

Smaller reporting company

Emerging growth company

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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.

The Registration Statement shall become effective upon filing in accordance with Rule 462(b) promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

This Registration Statement is being filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), for the sole purpose of increasing the aggregate number of shares of common stock offered by Turnstone Biologics Corp. (the "Registrant") by 996,667 shares, 130,000 of which are subject to purchase upon exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares of the Registrant's common stock. The contents of the Registration Statement on Form S-1, as amended (File No. 333-272600), including all exhibits thereto (the "*Earlier Registration Statement*"), filed by the Registrant with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "*Commission*") pursuant to the Securities Act, which was declared effective by the Commission on July 20, 2023, are incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement. The additional shares of common stock that are being registered for issuance and sale pursuant to this Registration Statement are in an amount and at a price that together represent no more than 20% of the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in Exhibit 107 of the Earlier Registration Statement.

The required opinion and consents are listed on an Exhibit Index attached hereto and filed herewith.

# **EXHIBIT INDEX**

| No.   | Exhibit Index  |
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| 5.1   | Opinion of Cooley LLP.                                   |
| 23.1  | Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm |
| 23.4  | Consent of Cooley LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).         |
| 24.1* | Power of Attorney.                                       |
| 07    | Filing Fee Table.  |

Exhibit

<sup>\*</sup> Previously filed on the signature page to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-272600), originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 12, 2023 and incorporated by reference herein.

# **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in San Diego, California on this 20th day of July 2023.

# TURNSTONE BIOLOGICS CORP.

By: /s/ Sammy Farah

Sammy Farah, M.B.A., Ph.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer
and Director

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement on Form S-1 has been signed by the following persons in the capacities held on the dates indicated.

| Signature  | Title  | Date          |
|--|--|---------------|
| /s/ Sammy Farah<br>Sammy Farah, M.B.A., Ph.D.                    | President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)          | July 20, 2023 |
| /s/ Venkat Ramanan<br>Venkat Ramanan, Ph.D.                      | Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer) | July 20, 2023 |
| * Michael Burgess, MBChB, Ph.D.                                  | Interim Chief Medical Officer and Director   | July 20, 2023 |
| *<br>Jerel Davis, Ph.D.  | Director   | July 20, 2023 |
| * Robert Gould, Ph.D.  | Director   | July 20, 2023 |
| *<br>Rishi Gupta   | Director   | July 20, 2023 |
| * Patrick Machado  | Director   | July 20, 2023 |
| *<br>Kanya Rajangam, Ph.D.                                       | Director   | July 20, 2023 |
| *By: /s/ Sammy Farah Sammy Farah, M.B.A., Ph.D. Attorney-in-Fact |  |               |



Divakar Gupta T: (212) 479 6474 dgupta@cooley.com

July 20, 2023

Turnstone Biologics Corp. 9310 Athena Circle, Suite 300 La Jolla, California 92037

# Ladies and Gentlemen:

You have requested our opinion, as counsel to Turnstone Biologics Corp., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the filing by the Company of a Registration Statement on Form S-1 (the "Registration Statement") with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Rule 462(b) promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, (the "Securities Act"), covering an underwritten public offering of up to 996,667 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share ("Shares"). The Registration Statement incorporates by reference the registration statement on Form S-1 (No. 333-272600)(the "Prior Registration Statement"), including the prospectus that is part of the Prior Registration Statement (the "Prospectus").

In connection with this opinion, we have examined and relied upon (a) the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, (b) the Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, and Amended and Restated Bylaws, each as currently in effect, (c) the Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, filed as Exhibit 3.3 to the Prior Registration Statement, and the Company's Amended and Restated Bylaws, filed as Exhibit 3.4 to the Prior Registration Statement, each of which is to be in effect in connection with the closing of the offering contemplated by the Prior Registration Statement and (d) such other records, documents, certificates, memoranda and other instruments as in our judgment are necessary or appropriate to enable us to render the opinion expressed below.

We have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to originals of all documents submitted to us as copies, the accuracy, completeness and authenticity of the certificates of public officials and the due authorization, execution and delivery of all documents by all persons other than by the Company where due authorization, execution and delivery are prerequisites to the effectiveness thereof. As to certain factual matters, we have relied upon a certificate of an officer of the Company and have not independently verified such matters.

Our opinion is expressed only with respect to the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware. We express no opinion to the extent that any other laws are applicable to the subject matter hereof and express no opinion and provide no assurance as to compliance with any federal or state securities law, rule or regulation.

On the basis of the foregoing, and in reliance thereon, we are of the opinion that the Shares, when sold and issued against payment therefor as described in the Prior Registration Statement and the Prospectus, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

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We consent to the reference to our firm under the caption "Legal Matters" in the Prospectus included in the Prior Registration Statement and to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we are in the category of persons who consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder.

Sincerely,

Cooley LLP

By: /s/ Divakar Gupta

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# **Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) of the Securities Act of 1933 of the reference to our firm under the caption "Experts" and to the incorporation by reference of our report dated May 12, 2023 (except for the second paragraph of Note 14, as to which the date is July 17, 2023), with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Turnstone Biologics Corp. included in Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement (Form S-1 No. 333-272600) and related Prospectus of Turnstone Biologics Corp. for the registration of its common stock.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

San Diego, California July 20, 2023

#### **Calculation of Filing Fee Tables**

Form S-1 (Form Type)

# TURNSTONE BIOLOGICS CORP.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

# Table 1: Newly Registered Securities

|                 | Security<br>Type           | Security<br>Class<br>Title                            | Fee<br>Calculation<br>or Carry<br>Forward<br>Rule | Amount<br>Registered(1) | Proposed<br>Maximum<br>Offering<br>Price Per<br>Unit(2) | Maximum<br>Aggregate<br>Offering<br>Price | Fee<br>Rate | Amount of<br>Registration<br>Fee |
|-----------------|----------------------------|---|---|-------------------------|---|---|-------------|----------------------------------|
| Fees to Be Paid | Equity                     | Common<br>stock,<br>\$0.001<br>par value<br>per share |   | 996,667                 | \$12.00   | \$11,960,004.00                           | 0.00011020  | \$1,318                          |
|                 | Total Offering Amounts     |   |   |                         | \$11,960,004.00   |   | \$1,318     |                                  |
|                 | Total Fees Previously Paid |   |   |                         |   |   |             |                                  |
|                 | Total Fee Offsets          |   |   |                         | ·   |   |             | _                                |
|                 | Net Fee Due                |   |   |                         |   |   |             | \$1,318 (3)                      |

- (1) Represents only the additional number of shares being registered and includes 130,000 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares. Does not include the securities that the Registrant previously registered on the Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-272600), as amended (the "Earlier Registration Statement").
- (2) Based on the public offering price.
- (3) The registration fee is calculated in accordance with Rule 457(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, based on the proposed maximum aggregate offering price. The registrant previously registered securities on the Earlier Registration Statement having a proposed maximum aggregate offering price of \$93,380,000, which was declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 20, 2023. In accordance with Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, an additional amount of securities having a proposed maximum aggregate offering price of \$11,960,004 is hereby registered, which includes shares issuable upon the exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares.