

**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): September 1, 2021**

**Cidara Therapeutics, Inc.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)**

**001-36912  
(Commission File Number)**

**46-1537286  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)**

**6310 Nancy Ridge Drive, Suite 101  
San Diego, California 92121  
(858) 752-6170**

**(Address, Including Zip Code, and Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Registrant's Principal Executive Offices)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligations of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, Par Value \$0.0001 Per Share	CDTX	The Nasdaq Global Market

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

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

Effective September 1, 2021, the Board of Directors of Cidara Therapeutics, Inc. (the “Company”) appointed Preetam Shah, PhD, MBA, 49, as its Chief Financial Officer and its Chief Business Officer (including as its principal financial officer).

Prior to joining the Company, Dr. Shah served as Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer at Brainstorm Cell Therapeutics, Inc., a public biotechnology company, since September 2019. Prior to Brainstorm, Dr. Shah spent over six years as an investment banker advising healthcare companies on equity, debt and M&A transactions; holding senior roles at leading banks, including Barclays Capital PLC., from June 2016 to September 2019, and Canaccord Genuity Inc., from July 2013 to May 2016. From 2010 to 2013, Dr. Shah founded Saisarva LLC, a healthcare consulting firm, where he executed and negotiated numerous licensing deals with pharmaceutical companies and was also responsible for the alliance management of those deals. During this period, he also acted as a consultant for healthcare-focused private equity firms and hedge funds. From 2006 to 2009, Dr. Shah served as Vice President, U.S. Operations and Investments at Reliance Capital USA Ventures LLC, an affiliate of Reliance ADA Group Companies, where he was responsible for making early-stage venture investments in healthcare companies and other fund of funds. Dr. Shah completed his post-doctoral fellowship in Infectious Diseases from Stanford University School of Medicine. He holds a Ph.D. in Microbiology from the University of Mississippi Medical Center, a M.B.A. in Finance from the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, and a B.A. in Mathematics and in Biology from McDaniel College.

In connection with his appointment, the Company entered into an employment agreement with Dr. Shah that governs the current terms of his employment with the Company. The employment agreement provides that Dr. Shah will receive an annual base salary of \$415,000, less payroll deductions and withholdings, and will be eligible to receive an annual performance bonus with a target bonus percentage equal to 40% of his base salary. The employment agreement also provides that the Company will grant Dr. Shah an option to purchase 311,850 shares of the Company’s common stock and a performance-based restricted stock unit for 50,000 shares of the Company’s common stock. In addition, Dr. Shah is entitled to severance benefits upon a termination of his employment without “cause” or his resignation for “good reason” (each as defined in his employment agreement), including continued payment of base salary for nine months and payment of his group health insurance premiums for up to nine months. In addition, if Dr. Shah’s employment is terminated without cause or he resigns for good reason within three months prior to or 12 months following a change in control, then he will be entitled to receive continued payment of base salary for 12 months, payment of his group health insurance premiums for up to 12 months, a pro-rated annual performance bonus and full accelerated vesting of any unvested equity awards. Dr. Shah may also be entitled to receive tax gross up payments in the event any payments made in connection with a change in control are subject to the excise taxes imposed by Sections 280G and 4999 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Dr. Shah will also enter into the Company’s standard form of indemnification agreement for its directors and executive officers.

There are no family relationships between Dr. Shah and any of the Company’s current or former directors or executive officers. Dr. Shah is not a party to any transaction that would require disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933.

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## SIGNATURES

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.

### **Cidara Therapeutics, Inc.**

Date: September 1, 2021

/s/ Jeffrey L. Stein

Jeffrey L. Stein

President and Chief Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)