UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-1 **REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

VERVE THERAPEUTICS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

2834 (Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number)

82-4800132 (I.R.S. Employer **Identification Number)**

500 Technology Square, Suite 901 Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139 (617) 603-0070

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

Sekar Kathiresan, M.D. **Chief Executive Officer** 500 Technology Square, Suite 901 Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139 (617) 603-0070

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: As	s soon as practicable after this Registration Statement becomes effective.
If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a 1933, check the following box. $\ \Box$	delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act o
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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, are emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.	n accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, smaller reporting company, or an "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth

Non-accelerated filer	\bowtie	Smaller reporting 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. \Box

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to Be Registered	Amount to be Registered (1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share (2)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price (2)	Amount of Registration Fee
Common stock, par value \$0.001 per share	2,571,157 shares	\$19.00	\$48,851,983	\$5,330

⁽¹⁾ Includes 335,368 shares of common stock the underwriters have the option to purchase.

⁽²⁾ Calculated pursuant to Rule 457(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, based on the initial public offering price.

EXPLANATORY NOTE AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

This registration statement is being filed with respect to the registration of additional shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of Verve Therapeutics, Inc., a Delaware corporation, pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The contents of the earlier registration statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-256608), which was declared effective by the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 16, 2021, are incorporated in this registration statement by reference.

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

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit <u>Number</u>	Description of Exhibit
5.1	Opinion of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP
23.1	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm
23.2	Consent of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)
24.1	Power of Attorney (incorporated by reference to the signature page to the registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-256608) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 28, 2021)

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Cambridge, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on this 16th day of June, 2021.

VERVE THERAPEUTICS, INC.

By: /s/ Sekar Kathiresan Sekar Kathiresan, M.D. Chief Executive Officer

SIGNATURES

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

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Sekar Kathiresan Sekar Kathiresan, M.D.	Chief Executive Officer, Director (Principal Executive Officer)	June 16, 2021
/s/ Andrew Ashe Andrew Ashe, J.D.	President and Chief Operating Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	June 16, 2021
/s/ Margaret Beaudoin Margaret Beaudoin	Vice President, Finance (Principal Accounting Officer)	June 16, 2021
* Burt Adelman, M.D.	Chairman of the Board	June 16, 2021
* John Evans	Director	June 16, 2021
* Michael MacLean	Director	June 16, 2021
* Sheila Mikhail	Director	June 16, 2021
* Krishna Yeshwant, M.D.	Director	June 16, 2021
* By: /s/ Andrew Ashe Andrew Ashe Attorney-in-fact		



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June 16, 2021

Verve Therapeutics, Inc. 500 Technology Square, Suite 901 Cambridge, MA 02139

Re: Registration Statement on Form S-1

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This opinion is furnished to you in connection with a Registration Statement on Form S-1 (the "Registration Statement") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), pursuant to Rule 462(b) of the Securities Act, for the registration of 2,571,157 shares of Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share (the "Shares"), of Verve Therapeutics, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), including 335,368 Shares issuable upon exercise of an option to purchase additional shares granted by the Company.

The Shares are to be sold by the Company pursuant to an underwriting agreement (the "Underwriting Agreement") to be entered into by and among the Company and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, Jefferies LLC, Guggenheim Securities, LLC and William Blair & Company, L.L.C., as representatives of the several underwriters named in the Underwriting Agreement, the form of which has been incorporated by reference into the Registration Statement.

We are acting as counsel for the Company in connection with the issue and sale by the Company of the Shares. We have examined signed copies of the Registration Statement as filed with the Commission. We have also examined and relied upon the Underwriting Agreement, minutes of meetings and actions of the stockholders and the Board of Directors of the Company as provided to us by the Company, stock record books of the Company as provided to us by the Company, the Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Company, each as restated and/or amended to date, and such other documents as we have deemed necessary for purposes of rendering the opinions hereinafter set forth.

In our examination of the foregoing documents, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as copies, the authenticity of the originals of such latter documents and the legal competence of all signatories to such documents.

We express no opinion herein as to the laws of any state or jurisdiction other than the state laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware and the federal laws of the United States of America.

Based upon and subject to the foregoing, we are of the opinion that the Shares have been duly authorized for issuance and, when the Shares are issued and paid for in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Underwriting Agreement, the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr ILP, 60 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02109

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Please note that we are opining only as to the matters expressly set forth herein, and no opinion should be inferred as to any other matters. This opinion is based upon currently existing statutes, rules, regulations and judicial decisions, and we disclaim any obligation to advise you of any change in any of these sources of law or subsequent legal or factual developments which might affect any matters or opinions set forth herein.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion with the Commission as an exhibit to the Registration Statement in accordance with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act and to the use of our name therein and in the related Prospectus under the caption "Legal matters." In giving such consent, we do not hereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Very truly yours,

WILMER CUTLER PICKERING HALE AND DORR LLP

By: <u>/s/ Lia Der Marderosian</u>

Lia Der Marderosian, a Partner

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 April 16, 2021 (except for Note 17(E), as to which the date is June 14, 2021), with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Verve Therapeutics, Inc. included in Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement (Form S-1), and related Prospectus of Verve Therapeutics, Inc. for the registration of its common stock.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Boston, Massachusetts June 16, 2021