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): October 7, 2022 (October 5, 2022)

Atossa Therapeutics, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-35610 (Commission File Number)

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

107 Spring Street Seattle, Washington

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (206) 325-6086

<u>Not Applicable</u> Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation 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))

 \Box Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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 \Box

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.

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

| Title of each class | Trading symbol(s) | Name of each exchange on which registered |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Common Stock, \$0.18 par value | ATOS | The Nasdaq Capital Market |

98104 (Zip Code)

26-4753208

(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

Item 3.01 Notice of Delisting or Failure to Satisfy a Continued Listing Rule or Standard; Transfer of Listing.

On October 5, 2022, Atossa Therapeutics, Inc. ("the <u>Company</u>") received a letter from NASDAQ that the Company was not in compliance with NASDAQ Listing Rule 5550(a)(2) – bid price, because the Company's common stock failed to maintain a minimum closing bid price of \$1.00 per share for 30 consecutive business days. The Company has until April 3, 2023 to regain compliance. In the event the Company does not regain compliance by then, the Company may be eligible for additional time if at that time it meets the continued listing requirement for market value of publicly held shares and all other initial listing standards, with the exception of the bid price requirement, and provides written notice to NASDAQ of its intention to cure the deficiency during the second compliance period, including by effecting a reverse stock split, if necessary. The letter also states that the NASDAQ staff will provide written notification that the Company has regained compliance if the bid price of the the Company's common stock closes at \$1.00 per share or more for a minimum of 10 consecutive business days.

The NASDAQ notice has no immediate effect on the listing or trading of the Company's common stock on the NASDAQ Stock Market. The Company intends to actively monitor the bid price for its common stock between now and April 3, 2023, and will consider available options to resolve the deficiency and regain compliance with the minimum bid price requirement.

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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.

Date: October 7, 2022

Atossa Therapeutics, Inc.

By: /s/ Kyle Guse

Kyle Guse Chief Financial Officer, General Counsel and Secretary