UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-3 REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

89bio, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 36-4946844 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

142 Sansome Street, 2nd Floor San Francisco, CA 94104 (415) 432-9270

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

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| Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time after this registration statement becomes effective. | |
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| If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box. | |

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, other than securities offered

only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following 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.

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 registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Company and emerging growth company in Kule 120-2 of the Exchange Act.

Non-accelerated filer ⊠ Smaller reporting company ⊠ 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 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act. \square

The registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file a further amendment that specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or until this registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

PROSPECTUS



795,631 Shares of Common Stock

Pursuant to this prospectus, the selling stockholder named herein is offering on a resale basis an aggregate of 795,631 shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of 89bio, Inc., a Delaware corporation, consisting of (i) 590,816 shares of common stock (the "Conversion Shares") issuable upon conversion of up to \$7.5 million in principal amount of the term loans under the Loan and Security Agreement, dated as of January 4, 2023, among 89bio, Inc., 89bio Management, Inc., 89bio Ltd., K2 HealthVentures LLC (with its affiliates, including K2 HealthVentures Equity Trust LLC, "K2HV" or the "Selling Stockholder") and Ankura Trust Company, LLC (the "Loan Agreement") at a conversion price equal to \$12.6943, and (ii) shares of common stock issuable upon the exercise of a warrant issued to K2HV (the "Warrant Shares" and, together with the Conversion Shares, the "Shares") to purchase up to 204,815 shares of common stock with a per share exercise price equal to \$9.7649 (the "Warrants"). We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale or other disposition of the Shares by the Selling Stockholder. However, upon any cash exercise of the Warrants by the Selling Stockholder, we will receive cash proceeds per share equal to the exercise price of the Warrants. If the Warrants are exercised in a cashless exercise, we will not receive any proceeds from the exercise of the Warrants.

The Selling Stockholder may sell or otherwise dispose of the Shares in a number of different ways and at varying prices. We provide more information about how the Selling Stockholder may sell or otherwise dispose of the Shares in the section entitled "Plan of Distribution" on page 9. Discounts, concessions, commissions and similar selling expenses attributable to the sale of the Shares will be borne by the Selling Stockholder. We will pay all expenses (other than discounts, concessions, commissions and similar selling expenses) relating to the registration of the Shares with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC").

Our common stock is currently quoted on the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol "ETNB." On April 24, 2023, the last reported sale price of our common stock on the Nasdaq Global Market was \$15.70 per share.

Investing in our securities involves risks. You should carefully consider the <u>Risk Factors</u> beginning on page 6 of this prospectus before you make an investment in our securities.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

This prospectus is dated April 25, 2023.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of an automatic shelf registration statement on Form S-3 that we filed with the SEC as a "well-known seasoned issuer" as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). Under the shelf registration process, the Selling Stockholder may, from time to time, offer and sell the shares described in this prospectus in one or more offerings. Information about the Selling Stockholder may change over time.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the Shares the Selling Stockholder may offer. Each time the Selling Stockholder sells Shares using this prospectus, to the extent necessary and required by law, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering, including the number of Shares being offered, the manner of distribution, the identity of any underwriters or other counterparties and other specific terms related to the offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. To the extent that any statement made in a prospectus supplement is inconsistent with statements made in this prospectus, the statements made in this prospectus will be deemed modified or superseded by those made in the prospectus supplement. You should read this prospectus, any applicable prospectus supplement and the information incorporated by reference in this prospectus before making an investment in shares of our common stock. See "Where You Can Find More Information" and "Information Incorporated by Reference" for more information.

Neither we nor the Selling Stockholder have authorized anyone to provide any information other than that contained in this prospectus or in any free writing prospectus prepared by or on behalf of us or to which we may have referred you. Neither we nor the Selling Stockholder take any responsibility for, nor can provide assurance as to the reliability of, any other information that others may give you. Neither we nor the Selling Stockholder have authorized any other person to provide you with different or additional information, and neither of us are making an offer to sell the shares in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus is accurate only as of the date on the front cover of this prospectus, regardless of the time of delivery of the prospectus or any prospectus supplement or any sale of Shares. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

For investors outside of the United States, neither we nor the Selling Stockholder have done anything that would permit the offering or possession or distribution of this prospectus in any jurisdiction where action for that purpose is required, other than in the United States. You are required to inform yourselves about and to observe any restrictions relating to the offering and the distribution of this prospectus outside of the United States.

Unless the context otherwise requires, we use the terms "89bio," "Company," "we," "us," and "our" in this prospectus to refer to 89bio, Inc. and, where appropriate, our subsidiaries.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENT CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus, including the documents that we incorporate by reference, contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), which statements involve substantial risks and uncertainties. All statements, other than statements of historical facts included in this prospectus, including statements concerning our plans, objectives, goals, strategies, future events, future revenues or performance, financing needs, plans or intentions relating to acquisitions, business trends and other information referred to in the section entitled "Risk Factors" in this prospectus and the sections entitled "Business," "Risk Factors" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022, which is incorporated by reference herein, are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements generally relate to future events or our future financial or operating performance. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terms such as "may," "might," "will," "objective," "intend," "should," "could," "can," "would," "expect," "believe," "design," "estimate," "predict," "potential," "plan," "anticipate," "target," "forecast," or the negative of these terms, and similar expressions intended to identify forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are not historical facts and reflect our current views with respect to future events and are based on assumptions and subject to risks and uncertainties. Given these uncertainties, you should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements.

There are a number of risks, uncertainties and other important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus. Such risks, uncertainties and other important factors include, among others, the risks, uncertainties and factors set forth in "Risk Factors," and the following risks, uncertainties and factors:

- our plans to develop and commercialize pegozafermin (previously BIO89-100) or any future product candidates;
- · our ongoing and planned clinical trials;
- the timing of and our ability to obtain regulatory approvals for pegozafermin or any future product candidates;
- our estimates regarding expenses, future revenue, capital requirements and needs for additional financing;
- our ability to obtain additional capital;
- the effect of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic on our business;
- our ability to identify additional products or product candidates with significant commercial potential that are consistent with our commercial objectives;
- the rate and degree of market acceptance and clinical utility of pegozafermin or any future product candidates, if approved;
- our commercialization, marketing and manufacturing capabilities and strategy;
- substantial competition in our industry and with respect to the product candidates that we are developing;
- our intellectual property position;
- loss of key members of management;
- failure to successfully execute our growth strategy, including any delays in our planned future growth;
- our failure to maintain effective internal controls; and
- other risks and uncertainties, including those incorporated by reference in "Risk Factors."

There may be other factors that may cause our actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements, including factors disclosed in "Risk Factors" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022, which is incorporated by reference herein. You should evaluate all forward-looking statements made in this prospectus in the context of these risks and uncertainties.

These factors should not be construed as exhaustive and should be read in conjunction with the other cautionary statements that are included in this prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement, information incorporated by reference herein or therein, and any related free-writing prospectus. In addition, we cannot assure you that we will realize the results, benefits or developments that we expect or anticipate or, even if substantially realized, that they will result in the consequences or affect us or our business in the way expected. All forward-looking statements contained in this prospectus are made as of the date of hereof and we undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect subsequent events or circumstances.

PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary highlights selected information contained elsewhere in this prospectus. This summary does not contain all of the information that you should consider before deciding to invest in our common stock. You should read the entire prospectus carefully, including "Risk Factors," and the consolidated financial statements and related notes and information incorporated by reference into this prospectus, before making an investment decision. Some of the statements in this summary constitute forward-looking statements, see "Cautionary Statement Concerning Forward-Looking Statements."

Our Company

We are a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company focused on the development and commercialization of innovative therapies for the treatment of liver and cardio-metabolic diseases. Our lead product candidate, pegozafermin (previously BIO89-100), a specifically engineered glycoPEGylated analog of fibroblast growth factor 2, is currently being developed for the treatment of nonalcoholic steatohepatitis and severe hypertriglyceridemia.

Corporate Information

We were incorporated in January 2018 in Israel under the name 89Bio Ltd. 89bio, Inc., the registrant whose name appears on the cover page of this prospectus, was incorporated in June 2019 for the purpose of an internal reorganization transaction.

Our principal executive offices are located at 142 Sansome Street, San Francisco, California 94104 and our telephone number is (415) 432-9270. Our website is www.89bio.com. The information on, or that can be accessed through, our website is not part of this prospectus and is not incorporated by reference herein.

THE OFFERING

We are registering for resale by the Selling Stockholder named herein 795,631 shares as described below:

Securities Offered 795,631 shares of common stock

Use of Proceeds We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale or other disposition of the Shares by

the Selling Stockholder. However, upon any cash exercise of the Warrants, we will receive cash proceeds per share equal to the exercise price of the Warrants. If the Warrants are exercised in a cashless exercise, we will not receive any proceeds from the exercise of the

Warrants. See "Use of Proceeds" on page 7 of this prospectus.

Risk Factors This investment involves a high degree of risk. See "Risk Factors" on page 6 of this

prospectus for a discussion of factors you should consider carefully before making an

investment decision.

Nasdaq Global Market symbol: "ETNB"

RISK FACTORS

Investing in our securities involves risks. You should carefully consider the risks, uncertainties and other factors described in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, as supplemented and updated by subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K that we have filed or will file with the SEC, and in other documents which are incorporated by reference into this prospectus, as well as the risk factors and other information contained in or incorporated by reference into any accompanying prospectus supplement before investing in any of our securities. Our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows or prospects could be materially and adversely affected by any of these risks. The risks and uncertainties described in the documents incorporated by reference herein are not the only risks and uncertainties that you may face.

For more information about our SEC filings, please see "Where You Can Find More Information" and "Incorporation of Certain Information by Reference."

USE OF PROCEEDS

We are registering the Shares for resale by the Selling Stockholder. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale or other disposition of the Shares offered by this prospectus. However, upon any cash exercise of the Warrants, we will receive cash proceeds per share equal to the exercise price of the Warrants. The Warrants have an exercise price of \$9.7649 per share. If the Warrants are exercised in a cashless exercise, we will not receive any proceeds from the exercise of the Warrants.

SELLING STOCKHOLDER

This prospectus covers the possible resale by the Selling Stockholder identified in the table below of 795,631 Shares issuable upon the exercise of the Warrants and the conversion of up to an aggregate of \$7.5 million in principal amount of the principal amount of the term loans under the Loan Agreement. The Selling Stockholder may sell some, all or none of its Shares. We do not know how long the Selling Stockholder will hold the Warrants, whether the Selling Stockholder will exercise the Warrants or elect to convert a portion of the principal amount of the term loans under the Loan Agreement into Conversion Shares, and upon such exercise or conversion, how long the Selling Stockholder will hold the Shares before selling them, and we currently have no agreements, arrangements or understandings with the Selling Stockholder regarding the sale of any of the Shares.

The following table presents information regarding the Selling Stockholder and the Shares that it may offer and sell from time to time under this prospectus. The table is prepared based on information supplied to us by the Selling Stockholder, and reflects its holdings as of April 1, 2023, unless otherwise noted in the footnotes to the table. Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the SEC, and thus represents voting or investment power with respect to our securities. Under such rules, beneficial ownership includes any shares over which the stockholder has sole or shared voting power or investment power as well as any shares that the stockholder has the right to acquire within 60 days after the date of this table, including the Warrant Shares and the Conversion Shares. To our knowledge and subject to applicable community property rules, the Selling Stockholder named in the table has sole voting and sole investment power with respect to all equity interests beneficially owned. The percentage of shares beneficially owned before and after the offering is based on 72,822,159 shares of our common stock actually outstanding as of April 1, 2023, and assumes the exercise in full of all warrants owned by the Selling Stockholder and conversion of all Conversion Shares. We cannot advise as to whether the Selling Stockholder will in fact sell any or all of such shares. In addition, the Selling Stockholder may have sold, transferred or otherwise disposed of, or may sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of, at any time and from time to time, the shares in transactions exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act after the date on which they provided the information set forth on the table below:

| Selling Stockholder | Shares Beneficially Owned Before this Offering | Percentage of Outstanding Shares Beneficially Owned Before this Offering | Shares to be Sold in this Offering | Shares Beneficially Owned After this Offering | Percentage of Outstanding Shares Beneficially Owned After this Offering(1) |
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| Seiling Stockholder | this Offering | this Offering | Offering | Offering | Offering(1) |
| Entities affiliated with K2HV ⁽²⁾ | 795,631 | 1.1% | 795,631 | 0 | *% |

^{*} Represents beneficial ownership of less than one percent.

⁽¹⁾ Assumes all Shares offered by the Selling Stockholder hereby are sold and that the Selling Stockholder buys or sells no additional shares of common stock prior to the completion of this offering.

⁽²⁾ Consists of (1) 590,816 Conversion Shares, and (2) 204,815 Warrant Shares. Parag Shah and Anup Arora serve as the managing members of K2HV and, in such capacities, may be deemed to indirectly beneficially own the shares beneficially owned by K2HV. The address of K2HV is 855 Boylston Street, 10th Floor, Boston, MA 02116. The Warrants and the Conversion Shares are subject to a beneficial ownership limitation of 9.985%, which such limitations restrict the Selling Stockholder from exercising that portion of the warrants or converting that portion of the Conversion Shares that would result in the Selling Stockholder and its affiliates owning, after exercise, a number of shares of common stock in excess of the applicable beneficial ownership limitation. The amounts and percentages in the table do not give effect to the beneficial ownership limitations.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

The Selling Stockholder and any of its pledgees, donees, transferees, assignees or other successors-in-interest may, from time to time, sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any or all of their shares of common stock or interests in shares of common stock on any stock exchange, market or trading facility on which the shares are traded or in private transactions. These dispositions may be at fixed prices, at prevailing market prices at the time of sale, at prices related to the prevailing market price, at varying prices determined at the time of sale, or at negotiated prices. The Selling Stockholder may use one or more of the following methods when disposing of the shares or interests therein:

- ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which the broker-dealer solicits purchasers;
- block trades in which the broker-dealer will attempt to sell the shares as agent but may position and resell a portion of the block as
 principal to facilitate the transaction;
- purchases by a broker-dealer as principal and resale by the broker-dealer for its account;
- an exchange distribution in accordance with the rules of the applicable exchange;
- · privately negotiated transactions;
- through the writing or settlement of options, swaps, derivatives or other hedging transactions, whether through an options exchange or otherwise;
- broker-dealers may agree with the Selling Stockholder to sell a specified number of such shares at a stipulated price per share;
- in the over the counter market;
- a combination of any such methods of disposition; and
- any other method permitted pursuant to applicable law.

The Selling Stockholder may also sell shares under Rule 144 under the Securities Act, if available, rather than under this prospectus. In addition, the Selling Stockholder may elect to make a pro rata in-kind distribution of securities to its members, partners or stockholders pursuant to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part by delivering a prospectus with a plan of distribution. Such members, partners or stockholders would thereby receive freely tradeable securities pursuant to the distribution through a registration statement. To the extent a distributee is an affiliate of ours (or to the extent otherwise required by law), we may, at our option, file a prospectus supplement in order to permit the distributees to use the prospectus to resell the securities acquired in the distribution.

Broker-dealers engaged by the Selling Stockholder may arrange for other broker-dealers to participate in sales. Broker-dealers may receive SECs or discounts from the Selling Stockholder (or, if any broker-dealer acts as agent for the purchaser of shares, from the purchaser) in amounts to be negotiated, but, except as set forth in a supplement to this prospectus, in the case of an agency transaction will not be in excess of a customary brokerage SEC in compliance with FINRA Rule 2440; and in the case of a principal transaction a markup or markdown in compliance with FINRA IM-2440 or the successor to such FINRA rules.

The Selling Stockholder may from time to time pledge or grant a security interest in some or all of the Shares owned by it and, if it defaults in the performance of its secured obligations, the pledgees or secured parties may offer and sell shares of common stock from time to time under the prospectus, or under an amendment to the prospectus under Rule 424(b) or other applicable provision of the Securities Act, amending the list of selling stockholders to include the pledgee, transferee or other successors in interest as selling stockholders under the prospectus. The Selling Stockholder does not expect these SECs and discounts to exceed what is customary in the types of transactions involved.

There can be no assurance that any Selling Stockholder will sell any or all of the shares of common stock pursuant to the registration statement, of which this prospectus forms a part.

The Selling Stockholder may enter into option or other transactions with broker-dealers or other financial institutions or the creation of one or more derivative securities which require the delivery to such broker-dealer or other financial institution of shares offered by the prospectus, which shares such broker-dealer or other financial institution may resell pursuant to the prospectus (as supplemented or amended to reflect such transaction).

The Selling Stockholder and any broker-dealer or agents that are involved in selling the shares of common stock may be deemed to be "underwriters" within the meaning of the Securities Act in connection with such sales. In such event, any SECs received by such broker-dealers or agents and any profit on the resale of common stock purchased by them may be deemed to be underwriting SECs or discounts under the Securities Act. In no event shall any broker-dealer receive fees, SEC and markups which, in the aggregate, would exceed eight percent (8%). The Selling Stockholder has informed the Company that it does not have any written or oral agreement or understanding, directly or indirectly, with any person to distribute the common stock.

We have advised each Selling Stockholder that it may not use shares registered on the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part to cover short sales of common stock made prior to the date on which the registration statement shall have been declared effective by the Securities and Exchange SEC. If a Selling Stockholder uses this prospectus for any sale of shares of our common stock, it will be subject to the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act. The Selling Stockholder and any other person participating in such distribution will be subject to applicable provisions of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, including, without limitation, Regulation M of the Exchange Act, which may limit the timing of purchases and sales of any of the shares of common stock by the Selling Stockholder and any other participating person. Regulation M may also restrict the ability of any person engaged in the distribution of the shares of common stock to engage in market-making activities with respect to the shares of common stock and the ability of any person or entity to engage in market-making activities with respect to the shares of common stock.

We may indemnify the Selling Stockholder against certain liabilities, including some liabilities under the Securities Act, in accordance with an agreement between us and the Selling Stockholder. We may be indemnified by the Selling Stockholder against civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, that may arise from any written information furnished to us by the Selling Stockholder specifically for use in this prospectus, in accordance with the related registration rights agreement, or we may be entitled to contribution.

LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters relating to the validity of the Shares offered by this prospectus will be passed upon for us by Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, San Francisco, California.

EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of 89bio, Inc. as of December 31, 2022 and 2021, and for each of the years in the two-year period ended December 31, 2022, have been incorporated by reference herein and in the registration statement in reliance upon the report of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference herein, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC, and we have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-3 under the Securities Act with respect to the securities offered by this prospectus. This prospectus, which forms part of the registration statement, does not contain all of the information included in the registration statement, including its exhibits and schedules. For further information about us and the securities described in this prospectus, you should refer to the registration statement, its exhibits and schedules and our reports, proxies, information statements and other information filed with the SEC.

Our filings are available to the public on the Internet, through a database maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov. We also maintain a website at www.89bio.com. We have included our website address for the information of prospective investors and do not intend it to be an active link to our website. Information contained on our website does not constitute a part of this prospectus or any applicable prospectus supplement (or any document incorporated by reference herein or therein).

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information and reports we file with it, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those publicly available documents. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus, and information that we file after the date hereof with the SEC will automatically update and supersede the information already incorporated by reference. We are incorporating by reference the documents listed below:

- 1. Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022, filed with the SEC on March 15, 2023 (including those portions of our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed on April 24, 2023 that were incorporated by reference therein);
- 2. Our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on <u>January 6, 2023</u> (as amended by our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on <u>February 2, 2023</u>), <u>February 15, 2023</u>, <u>February 16, 2023</u>, <u>March 22, 2023</u>, and <u>March 28, 2023</u>; and
- 3. The description of our common stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on November 1, 2019, as well as any subsequent amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

Because we are incorporating by reference future filings with the SEC, this prospectus is continually updated and those future filings may modify or supersede some of the information included or incorporated in this prospectus. This means that you must look at all of the SEC filings that we incorporate by reference to determine if any of the statements in this prospectus or in any document previously incorporated by reference have been modified or superseded.

This prospectus incorporates by reference the documents listed above and any future filings we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act between the date of the initial registration statement and the effectiveness of the registration statement and following the effectiveness of the registration statement until the offering of the securities under the registration statement is terminated or completed, except that we are not incorporating by reference any information furnished (and not filed) with the SEC, including any information furnished pursuant to Items 2.02 or 7.01 of Form 8-K or related exhibits furnished pursuant to Item 9.01 of Form 8-K (unless expressly provided to the contrary).

You may request a copy of these filings (other than exhibits to such documents unless such exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference herein), at no cost, by contacting us, either orally or in writing, at the following:

89bio, Inc. 142 Sansome Street, 2nd Floor San Francisco, California 94104 (415) 432-9270

Information about us, including our reports filed with the SEC, is available through our website at *www.89bio.com*. Such reports are accessible at no charge through our website and are made available as soon as reasonably practicable after such material is filed with or furnished to the SEC. Our website and the information contained on that website, or connected to that website, are not incorporated by reference in this prospectus. We have authorized no one to provide you with any information that differs from that contained in this prospectus. Accordingly, we take no responsibility for any other information that others may give you. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date of the front cover of this prospectus.

PART II INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution

The following table sets forth an estimate of the fees and expenses, other than the underwriting discounts and commissions, payable by the registrant in connection with the issuance and distribution of the securities being registered. All the amounts shown are estimates, except for the SEC registration fee.

| <u>Item</u> | Amount |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| SEC registration fee | \$ 1,413 |
| Legal fees and expenses | 50,000 |
| Accounting fees and expenses | 25,000 |
| Printing and miscellaneous expenses | 10,000 |
| Total | \$ 86,413 |

Item 15. Indemnification of Officers and Directors

The Company is a Delaware corporation. Section 145(a) of the Delaware General Corporation Law, or the DGCL, provides that a Delaware corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, other than an action by or in the right of the corporation, by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful.

Section 145(b) of the DGCL provides that a Delaware corporation may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that such person acted in any of the capacities set forth above, against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in, or not opposed to, the best interests of the corporation, except that no indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation, unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine, upon application, that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the court shall deem proper.

Further subsections of DGCL Section 145 provide that:

- (1) to the extent a present or former director or officer of a corporation has been successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of any action, suit or proceeding referred to in subsections (i) and (ii) of Section 145 or in the defense of any claim, issue or matter therein, such person shall be indemnified against expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection therewith;
- (2) the indemnification and advancement of expenses provided for pursuant to Section 145 shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those seeking indemnification or advancement of expenses may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise; and

(3) the corporation shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance of behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by such person in any such capacity, or arising out of such person's status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify such person against such liability under Section 145.

As used in this Item 14, the term "proceeding" means any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether or not by or in the right of the Company, and whether civil, criminal, administrative, investigative or otherwise.

Section 145 of the DGCL makes provision for the indemnification of officers and directors in terms sufficiently broad to indemnify officers and directors of the Company under certain circumstances from liabilities (including reimbursement for expenses incurred) arising under the Securities Act. The Company's organizational documents provide, in effect, that, to the fullest extent and under the circumstances permitted by Section 145 of the DGCL, the Company will indemnify any and all of its officers and directors. The Company has entered into indemnification agreements with its officers and directors. The Company may, in its discretion, similarly indemnify its employees and agents. The Company's certificate of incorporation also relieves its directors from monetary damages to the Company or its stockholders for breach of such director's fiduciary duty as a director to the fullest extent permitted by the DGCL. Under Section 102(b)(7) of the DGCL, a corporation may relieve its directors from personal liability to such corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for any breach of their fiduciary duty as directors except (i) for a breach of the duty of loyalty, (ii) for failure to act in good faith, (iii) for intentional misconduct or knowing violation of law, (iv) for willful or negligent violations of certain provisions in the DGCL imposing certain requirements with respect to stock repurchases, redemptions and dividends or (v) for any transactions from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

The Company has purchased insurance policies that, within the limits and subject to the terms and conditions thereof, cover certain expenses and liabilities that may be incurred by directors and officers in connection with proceedings that may be brought against them as a result of an act or omission committed or suffered while acting as a director or officer of the Company.

Item 16. Exhibits

| Exhibit Number | Description |
|-------------------|---|
| 3.1 | Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on November 15, 2019). |
| 3.2 | Second Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on November 15, 2019). |
| 4.1 | Specimen common stock certificate of the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Form S-1/A filed on October 28, 2019). |
| 4.2 | Form of Warrant to Purchase Common Stock for K2 HealthVentures Equity Trust LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Form 8-K/A filed on February 2, 2023). |
| 5.1* | Opinion of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP. |
| 10.1 | Loan and Security Agreement, dated as of January 4, 2023, among 89bio, Inc., 89bio Management, Inc., 89Bio Ltd., K2 HealthVentures LLC and Ankura Trust Company, LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 8-K/A filed on February 2, 2023). |
| 23.1* | Consent of KPMG LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm. |
| 23.2* | Consent of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1). |
| 24.1* | Power of Attorney (included on signature page). |
| 107* | Filing Fee Table. |

^{*} Filed herewith.

Item 17. Undertakings

- (a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:
 - (1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:
 - (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;
 - (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the SEC pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and
 - (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement; provided, however, that paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (a)(1)(ii) and (a)(1) (iii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the SEC by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.
 - (2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
 - (3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.
 - (4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:
 - (i) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and
 - (ii) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5) or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii) or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by Section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which the prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.

- (b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.
- (c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of San Francisco, State of California, on April 25, 2023.

89bio, Inc.

By: /s/ Rohan Palekar

Name: Rohan Palekar Title: *Chief Executive Officer*

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Rohan Palekar and Ryan Martins, and each of them, as true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full powers of substitution and resubstitution, for them and in their name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this registration statement (or any registration statement for the same offering that is to be effective upon filing pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933), and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the SEC, and generally to do all such things in their names and behalf in their capacities as officers and directors to enable 89bio, Inc. to comply with the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933 and all requirements of the SEC, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of them, or their or his substitutes or substitute, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

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

| Signature | Title | Date |
|--|--|----------------|
| /s/ Rohan Palekar Rohan Palekar | Chief Executive Officer and Director (principal executive officer) | April 25, 2023 |
| /s/ Ryan Martins Ryan Martins | Chief Financial Officer (principal financial and accounting officer) | April 25, 2023 |
| /s/ Steven Altschuler Steven Altschuler, M.D. | Chairman | April 25, 2023 |
| /s/ Edward Morrow Atkinson III Edward Morrow Atkinson III | Director | April 25, 2023 |
| /s/ Derek DiRocco Derek DiRocco, Ph.D. | Director | April 25, 2023 |
| /s/ Gregory Grunberg Gregory Grunberg, M.D. | Director | April 25, 2023 |
| /s/ Michael Hayden Michael Hayden, M.B., Ch.B., Ph.I | Director D. | April 25, 2023 |
| /s/ Kathleen D. LaPorte Kathleen D. LaPorte | Director | April 25, 2023 |
| /s/ Lota Zoth Lota Zoth, C.P.A. | Director | April 25, 2023 |



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April 25, 2023

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Re: 89bio, Inc.

Registration Statement on Form S-3

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to 89bio, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), in connection with the preparation and filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "<u>Commission</u>") of a Registration Statement on Form S-3 (the "<u>Registration Statement</u>") pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "<u>Securities Act</u>"), relating to the resale from time to time by the selling stockholder named therein of up to 795,631 shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "<u>Shares</u>").

In arriving at the opinion expressed below, we have examined originals, or copies certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction as being true and complete copies of the originals, of the specimen common stock certificates and such other documents, corporate records, certificates of officers of the Company and of public officials and other instruments as we have deemed necessary or advisable to enable us to render these opinions. In our examination, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity and competency of all natural persons, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals and the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as copies.

Based on the foregoing, and subject to the assumptions, exceptions, qualifications and limitations set forth herein, we are of the opinion that the Shares, when issued against payment therefor as set forth in the Registration Statement, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

We consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement, and we further consent to the use of our name under the caption "Legal Matters" in the Registration Statement and the prospectus that forms a part thereof. In giving these consents, we do not thereby admit that we are within 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,

/s/ Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP

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Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the use of our report dated March 14, 2023, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of 89bio, Inc., incorporated herein by reference, and to the reference to our firm under the heading "Experts" in the prospectus.

/s/ KPMG LLP

San Francisco, California April 24, 2023

Calculation of Filing Fee Tables FORM S-3 (Form Type)

89bio, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Table 1: Newly Registered and Carry Forward Securities

| | Security Type | Security Class Title | Fee Calculation or Carry Forward Rule | Amount Registered | Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit | Maximum Aggregate Offering Price egistered Securit | Fee Rate | Amount of Registration Fee | Carry Forward Form Type | Carry Forward File Number | Carry Forward Initial effective date | Filing Fee Previously Paid In Connection with Unsold Securities to be Carried Forward |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|---|------------------------|--|--|-------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
| | | | | | INEWIY K | egistered securit | ues | | | | | |
| Fees to Be Paid Fees | Equity | Common stock, par value \$0.001 per share ⁽¹⁾ | Rule 457(c) | 795,631 ⁽²⁾ | \$16.12 ⁽³⁾ | \$12,825,572 ⁽³⁾ | 0.00011020 | \$1,413.38 | | | | |
| Previously | DT / A | DT/A | DT/A | DT/A | DT/A | 77.4 | | N T / A | | | | |
| Paid | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | | N/A | | | | |
| | | | | | Carry I | Forward Securitie | S | | | | | |
| Carry Forward | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Securities | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | | N/A | | | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| | Total Offering Amounts | | | | \$12,825,572 | | \$1,413.38 | | _ | _ | | |
| | Total Fees Previously Paid | | | | | | _ | | | | | |
| | Total Fee Offsets | | | | | | _ | | | | | |
| | Net Fee Due | | | | | | \$1,413.38 | | | | | |

- (1) Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this registration statement also covers such an indeterminate amount of shares of common stock as may become issuable to prevent dilution resulting from stock splits, stock dividends and similar events.
- (2) The amount registered consists of up to 795,631 shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, issuable upon exercise of warrants to purchase common stock or the conversion of any portion of the principal amount of the term loans then outstanding, up to an aggregate of \$7.5 million in principal amount.
- (3) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee, based on the average of the high and low prices of the shares of common stock on The Nasdaq Global Market on April 24, 2023 (such date being within five business days of the date that this registration statement was first filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, in accordance with Rule 457(c) under the Securities Act).