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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): January 5, 2021

**Avenue Therapeutics, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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

**001-38114**  
(Commission File Number)

**47-4113275**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**1140 Avenue of the Americas, Floor 9**  
**New York, NY 10036**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**(781) 652-4500**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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:

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

<b>Title of Class</b>	<b>Trading Symbol(s)</b>	<b>Exchange Name</b>
Common Stock	ATXI	Nasdaq Capital Market

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

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.

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

On January 5, 2021, Avenue Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Company") notified The Nasdaq Capital Market ("Nasdaq") that Thomas G. Moore, as previously disclosed on the Company's Current Report filed on Form 8-K on December 4, 2020, had resigned as a member of the board of directors of the Company (the "Board") and the Company's Audit Committee. After giving effect to Mr. Moore's resignation, the Company's Audit Committee no longer consists of three independent members as required by Nasdaq Listing Rule 5605(c)(2)(A).

On January 6, 2021, the Company received a letter from Nasdaq noting that the Company no longer complied with the requirement of Listing Rule 5605. The letter also acknowledged that the Listing Rules provide a cure period in order for the Company to regain compliance until the earlier of the Company's next annual meeting of stockholders or December 31, 2021 (or, by June 29, 2021, if such meeting is held before June 29, 2021).

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**Avenue Therapeutics, Inc.**  
(Registrant)

Date: January 8, 2021

By: /s/ Lucy Lu, M.D.  
Lucy Lu, M.D.  
President, Chief Executive Officer and Director

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