# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

# **SCHEDULE 13D**

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. 6)\*

Avenue Therapeutics, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.0001 Par Value

(Title of Class of Securities)

05360L403

(CUSIP Number)

Fortress Biotech, Inc. 1111 Kane Concourse, Suite 301, Bay Harbor Islands, FL, 33154 718-652-4500

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

12/31/2024

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§ 240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

## SCHEDULE 13D

CUSIP No. 05360L403			
1	Name of reporting person		
	Fortress Biotech, Inc.		
	Check the appropriate box if a member of a Group (See Instructions)		
2	<ul> <li>(a)</li> <li>(b)</li> </ul>		
3	SEC use only		
	Source of funds (See Instructions)		
4	00		

5	Check if disclosure of legal proceedings is required pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)		
6	Citizenship or place of organization DELAWARE		
Number	7	Sole Voting Power 295,022.00	
of Shares Benefici ally Owned	8	Shared Voting Power 0.00	
by Each Reporti ng Person	9	Sole Dispositive Power 294,726.00	
With:	10	Shared Dispositive Power 296.00	
11	Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person 295,022.00		
12	Check if the aggregate amount in Row (11) excludes certain shares (See Instructions)		
13	Percent of class represented by amount in Row (11) 13.8 %		
14	Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) CO, HC		

### Comment for Type of Reporting Person:

Sole Voting Power includes 296 shares of Issuer's common stock underlying Warrants and 250,000 shares of the Issuer's Cl ass A preferred stock (both of which are described further below). The Issuer's Class A preferred stock is identical to its com mon stock other than as to voting rights, conversion rights and the PIK Dividend (as defined below) rights. Each share of the Issuer's Class A preferred stock is entitled to the number of votes per share that is equal to one and one-tenth (1.1) times a fr action, the numerator of which is the sum of (A) the number of shares of the Issuer's outstanding common stock and (B) the whole number of shares of the Issuer's common stock into which any shares of outstanding Class A preferred stock are convertible and the denominator of which is the number of shares of outstanding Class A preferred stock are convertible into 222 shares of the Issuer's common stock. Thus, the Class A preferred stock will at all ti mes constitute a voting majority. The Reporting Person owns all outstanding shares of the Issuer's Class A preferred stock, will at all ti mes constitute a voting majority. The Reporting Person will receive on each January 1 (each a 'PIK Dividend Payment Dat e') until the date all outstanding Class A preferred stock, is converted into common stock or redeemed (and the purchase pric e') until the date all outstanding Class A preferred stock ('PIK Dividend') such that the aggregate number of shares of common stock issued pursuant to such PIK Dividend is equal t o two and one-half percent (2.5 percent) of the Issuer's fully-diluted outstanding capitalization on the date that is one (1) busi ness day prior to any PIK Dividend Payment Date. An aggregate 296 shares of Issuer common stock Warrant dated Dece mber 12, 2016, issued by the Reporting Person to Lindsay A. Rosenwald, M.D., the Reporting Person's Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer and Michael S. Weiss, the Reporting Person must reserve from its holdings of the Issuer's common stock the shares underlying t

Sole Dispositive Power excludes the 296 shares of Issuer's common stock underlying the Warrants.

Shared Dispositive Power consists solely of the 296 shares of Issuer's common stock underlying the Warrants.

All percentage calculations set forth herein are based upon 1,911,633 shares of the Issuer's common stock as of November 11, 2024 as reported by the Issuer on its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 14, 2024, the assumed conversion of the Class A preferred stock, the issuance of 112,850 shares of the Issuer's common stock pursuant to that certain Subscription and Forgiveness Agreement, dated as of November 13, 2024, b etween the Reporting Person and the Issuer, 12,662 shares of Issuer's common stock issued as Offering Equity Grants (defined below) and the 101,935 shares of Issuer's common stock issued as an Annual Equity Grant (defined below).

This Amendment No. 6 to Schedule 13D (this 'Amendment No. 6') amends and supplements the Schedule 13D filed on Octo ber 19, 2017 (as amended and supplemented through the date of this Amendment No. 6, collectively, the 'Schedule 13D') rel ating to the Common Stock of Avenue Therapeutics, Inc. (the 'Issuer'), by Fortress Biotech, Inc. (the 'Reporting Person'). Exc ept as specifically provided herein, this Amendment No. 6 does not modify any of the information previously reported on the

Schedule 13D. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the same meanings as are ascribed to them in the S chedule 13D, as applicable.

### SCHEDULE 13D

#### Item 1. Security and Issuer

(a) Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock, \$0.0001 Par Value

(b) Name of Issuer:

Avenue Therapeutics, Inc.

#### (c) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

1111 Kane Concourse, Suite 301, Bay Harbor Islands, FLORIDA, 33154.

#### Item 2. Identity and Background

- (a) This Schedule 13D/A is being filed on behalf of the Reporting Person pursuant to Rule 13d-1 of Regulation D-G under the Act.
- (b) The address of the Reporting Person's principal business and principal office is 1111 Kane Concourse, Suite 301, Bay Harbor Isla nds, Florida 33154.
- (c) The principal business of the Reporting Person is acquiring, developing and commercializing novel pharmaceutical and biotechnol ogy products both within the Reporting Person and through certain of its subsidiary companies.
- (d) During the last five years, the Reporting Person has not been convicted in any criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or si milar misdemeanors).
- (e) During the last five years, the Reporting Person has not been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of co mpetent jurisdiction resulting in it being subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.
- (f) The Reporting Person is organized under the laws of the state of Delaware.

#### Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

The Reporting Person is filing this Schedule 13D as a result of the issuance by the Issuer of: (i) 12,662 shares of the Issuer's common stock as Offering Equity Grants under the Founders Agreement (defined below); and (ii) 101,935 shares of the Issuer's common stock as an Annual Equity Grant (defined below).

#### Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

The Reporting Person is party to that certain Amended and Restated Founders Agreement with the Issuer (as amended, the "Fou nders Agreement"), in connection with the Issuer's formation. Pursuant to the Founders Agreement, the Issuer pays to the Reporting Person an equity fee in the form of Issuer common stock equal to two and one-half percent (2.5%) of the gross amount of any I ssuer equity or debt financing (the "Offering Equity Grant").

Pursuant to the Issuer's Third Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (as amended, the "Charter"), the Issuer also iss ues annually to the Reporting Person shares of common stock equal to two and one-half percent (2.5%) of the fully-diluted outsta nding equity of the Issuer, as measured as of the date of such issuance (the "Annual Equity Grant").

The foregoing description of the Charter and Founders Agreement are qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Ch arter and Founders Agreement which are incorporated herein by reference as Exhibits 7.01 and 7.03.

#### Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

- (a) The Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of 295,022 shares of the Issuer's common stock (including 250,000 shares of the Iss uer's Class A preferred stock, which are convertible into 222 shares of the Issuer's common stock), representing 13.8 percent of al I outstanding shares of the Issuer's common stock.
- (b) The Reporting Person has sole voting power of 295,022 shares of the Issuer's common stock (including 250,000 shares of the Iss uer's Class A preferred stock, which are convertible into 222 shares of the Issuer's common stock).
- (c) Not applicable.
- (d) Except with respect to the Warrants described in the Comments, no person has the power to direct the receipt of dividends on or t he proceeds of sales of, the shares of common stock owned by the Reporting Person.
- (e) Not applicable.

#### Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships With Respect to Securities of the Issuer

Reference is made to the Warrants in the Comments above.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

Exhibit 7.01 Third Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Avenue Therapeutics, Inc., filed as Exhibit 3.1 to Form 8-K filed on June 27, 2017 (File No. 001-38114) and incorporated herein by reference.\*

Exhibit 7.02 Form of Common Stock Warrant filed as Exhibit 4.2 to Form 10-12G filed by the Issuer with the SEC on January 12, 2017 (File No. 000-55556) and incorporated herein by reference.\*

Exhibit 7.03 Amended and Restated Founders Agreement between Fortress Biotech, Inc. and Avenue Therapeutics, Inc., dated S eptember 13, 2016, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Form 10-12G filed by the Issuer with the SEC on January 12, 2017 (File No. 000-55556).\*

\* Previously filed.

#### SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Fortress Biotech, Inc.

Signature:	/s/ Lindsay A. Rosenwald
Name/Title:	Lindsay A. Rosenwald, M.D. / Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
Date:	01/03/2025