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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): January 8, 2019

**CYCLACEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

0-50626  
(Commission File Number)

91-1707622  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

200 Connell Drive, Suite 1500  
Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922  
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (908) 517-7330

(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- 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))
- 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).

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 8, 2019, Cyclacel Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the “**Company**”) received a written notification from The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC (“**NASDAQ**”) indicating that the Company was not in compliance with NASDAQ Listing Rule 5550(a)(2) because the minimum bid price of the Company’s shares of common stock was below \$1.00 per share for the previous 30 consecutive business days.

Pursuant to the NASDAQ Listing Rule 5810(c)(3)(A), the Company has been granted a 180-calendar day compliance period, or until July 7, 2019, to regain compliance with the minimum bid price requirement. During the compliance period, the Company’s shares of common stock will continue to be listed and traded on The NASDAQ Capital Market. To regain compliance, the closing bid price of the Company’s shares of common stock must meet or exceed \$1.00 per share for at least ten consecutive business days during this 180-day grace period.

If the Company is not in compliance by July 7, 2019, the Company may be eligible for an additional 180-calendar day compliance period. To qualify, the Company would be required to meet the continued listing requirement for market value of publicly held shares and all other initial listing standards for The NASDAQ Capital Market, except for the minimum bid price. In addition, the Company would be required to notify NASDAQ of its intent to cure the minimum bid price deficiency by effecting a reverse stock split, if necessary.

If the Company does not regain compliance within the allotted compliance period(s), including any extensions that may be granted by NASDAQ, NASDAQ will provide notice that the Company’s shares of common stock will be subject to delisting. The Company would then be entitled to appeal NASDAQ’s determination to a NASDAQ Hearings Panel and request a hearing.

The Company intends to consider available options to resolve the noncompliance with the minimum bid price requirement. No determination regarding the Company’s response has been made at this time. There can be no assurance that the Company will be able to regain compliance with the minimum bid price requirement or will otherwise be in compliance with other NASDAQ listing criteria.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

Certain statements in this Current Report on Form 8-K constitute forward-looking statements that involve a number of known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause such forward-looking statements not to be realized. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements include changes to the listing standards, policies and procedures of the NASDAQ Capital Market, fluctuations in the Company’s general financial and operating results, changes in the Company’s liquidity and capital resources, declines in the market price of the Company’s shares of common stock, changes in the capital markets, competition, and general and industry-specific economic conditions. We believe these factors include but are not limited to those described under “Risk Factors” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, as such factors may be updated from time to time in our periodic filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “**SEC**”), which are accessible on the SEC’s website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). These factors should not be construed as exhaustive and should be read in conjunction with the other cautionary statements that are included in this Current Report on Form 8-K, our Annual Report on Form 10-K and other filings with the SEC. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or review any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

**CYCLACEL PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

By: /s/ Paul McBarron  
Name: Paul McBarron  
Title: Executive Vice President—Finance,  
Chief Financial Officer and  
Chief Operating Officer

Date: January 11, 2019

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