# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## **SCHEDULE 13G**

(Amendment No.)\*

# **Cyclacel Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**

(Name of Issuer)

<u>Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share</u>
(Title of Class of Securities)

<u>23254L603</u> (CUSIP Number)

March 12, 2021 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

	☐ Rule 13d-1(b)			
٥	⊠ Rule 13d-1(c)			
	☐ Rule 13d-1(d)			

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in 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).

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1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS					
	Sphera Funds Management Ltd.					
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See instructions)  (a) □  (b) ⊠					
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10	CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See instructions)					
11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9					
	6.29% (*) (**)					
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See instructions)					

(\*) The beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein is described in Item 4(a).

(\*\*) Based on 8,054,039 shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately following the offering, as provided in the Issuer's Rule 424(b)(5) Prospectus filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") on March 15, 2021.

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1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS						
	Sphera Global Healthcare GP Ltd.						
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See instructions)						
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	Sphera Global Healthcare Management LP					
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## **Item 1.** (a) <u>Name of Issuer</u>:

Cyclacel Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

200 Connell Drive, Suite 1500, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey 07922

# **Item 2.** (a) <u>Name of Person Filing</u>:

Sphera Funds Management Ltd.

Sphera Global Healthcare GP Ltd.

Sphera Global Healthcare Management LP

# (b) Address of Principal Business Office:

Sphera Funds Management Ltd. – 21 Ha'arba'ah Street, Tel Aviv 64739, Israel

Sphera Global Healthcare GP Ltd. – 21 Ha'arba'ah Street, Tel Aviv 64739, Israel

Sphera Global Healthcare Management LP – 21 Ha'arba'ah Street, Tel Aviv 64739, Israel

## (c) <u>Citizenship</u>:

Sphera Funds Management Ltd. – Israel

Sphera Global Healthcare GP Ltd. – Israel

Sphera Global Healthcare Management LP – Israel

# (d) <u>Title of Class of Securities</u>:

Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share

## (e) <u>CUSIP Number</u>:

23254L603

#### **Item 3**. Not applicable.

#### Item 4. Ownership:

(a) Amount beneficially owned:

See row 9 of cover page of each reporting person.

The securities reported herein by Sphera Funds Management Ltd., Sphera Global Healthcare GP Ltd., and Sphera Global Healthcare Management LP are beneficially owned as follows:

- 281,121 shares of Common Stock, representing a total of 3.49% of the total shares of Common Stock outstanding, are held directly by Sphera Global Healthcare Management authority to Sphera Global Healthcare Management LP (the "Management Company").
- 225,703 shares of Common Stock, representing a total of 2.80% of the total shares of Common Stock outstanding, are held directly by Sphera Biotech Master Fund, L.P., which has delegated its investment management authority to the Management Company.

The Management Company is managed, controlled, and operated by its general partner, Sphera Global Healthcare GP Ltd., which is controlled by Sphera Funds Management Ltd.

This Statement shall not be construed as an admission by any of the Reporting Persons that it is the beneficial owner of any of the securities covered by this Statement, and each Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of any such securities. In addition, the Reporting Persons and other entities named in this Schedule 13G may be deemed to constitute a "group" for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Neither the filing of this Schedule 13G nor any of its contents shall be deemed to constitute an admission that a group exists for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or for any other purpose, and each of the Reporting Persons and other entities named in this Schedule 13G disclaims the existence of any such group.

### (b) <u>Percent of class</u>:

See row 11 of cover page of each reporting person

- (c) <u>Number of shares as to which such person has</u>:
  - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:

See row 5 of cover page of each reporting person

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:

See row 6 of cover page of each reporting person and note in Item 4(a) above

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

See row 7 of cover page of each reporting person

(iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

See row 8 of cover page of each reporting person and note in Item 4(a) above

Item 5.	Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:		
	Not applicable.		
Item 6.	Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another:		
	Not applicable.		
Item 7.	<u>Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person</u> :		
	Not applicable.		
Item 8.	Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:		
	Not applicable.		
Item 9.	Notice of Dissolution of Group:		
	Not applicable.		
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# Item 10. <u>Certification</u>:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

# **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.

March 18, 2021

## Sphera Funds Management Ltd.

/s/ Ori Goldfarb

By: Ori Goldfarb

Title: Chief Executive Officer

# Sphera Global Healthcare GP Ltd.

/s/ Ori Goldfarb

By: Ori Goldfarb

Title: Chief Executive Officer

# Sphera Global Healthcare Management LP

/s/ Doron Breen

By: Doron Breen Title: Managing Partner

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# EXHIBIT NO. DESCRIPTION

Exhibit 1

Joint Filing Agreement by and among the Reporting Persons, dated as of March 18, 2021.

## **Exhibit 1**

# Joint Filing Agreement

Pursuant to Rule 13d-1(k)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the undersigned hereby agree that only one statement containing the information required by Schedule 13G need be filed with respect to the ownership by each of the undersigned of shares of Cyclacel Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; each of them is responsible for the timely filing of such Schedule 13G and any amendments thereto, and for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning such person contained therein; but none of them is responsible for the completeness or accuracy of the information concerning the other persons making the filing, unless such person knows or has reason to believe that such information is inaccurate. In accordance with Rule 13d-1(k)(1), the undersigned hereby agree to the joint filing with each other on behalf of each of them of such a statement on Schedule 13G and any amendments thereto with respect to the equity securities (as defined in Rule 13d-1(i)) of the Issuer, beneficially owned by each of them. This Joint Filing Agreement shall be included as an exhibit to such Schedule 13G and any amendments thereto.

This agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original.

March 18, 2021

#### Sphera Funds Management Ltd.

/s/ Ori Goldfarb

By: Ori Goldfarb

Title: Chief Executive Officer

#### Sphera Global Healthcare GP Ltd.

/s/ Ori Goldfarb

By: Ori Goldfarb

Title: Chief Executive Officer

## Sphera Global Healthcare Management LP

/s/ Doron Breen

By: Doron Breen Title: Managing Partner