

Asterias Biotherapeutics, Inc.  
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**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE 13D**

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

**(Amendment No. 8)**

**ASTERIAS BIOTHERAPEUTICS, INC.**

(Name of Issuer)

<b>Series A Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share</b>	<b>04624N 10 7</b>
(Title of class of securities)	(CUSIP number)

Brandi Roberts

Chief Financial Officer

BioTime, Inc.

1010 Atlantic Avenue

Suite 102

Alameda, California 94501

(510) 521-3390

(Name, address and telephone number of person authorized to receive notices and communications)

March 8, 2019

(Date of event which requires filing of this statement)

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CUSIP No. **04624N 10 7 13D**

NAME OF REPORTING  
PERSON: BioTime, Inc.

**1** S.S. OR I.R.S.  
IDENTIFICATION NO.

OF ABOVE PERSON:  
94-3127919

**2** CHECK THE  
APPROPRIATE  
BOX IF A **(a)**  ]  
MEMBER **(b)**  ]  
OF A

**3** GROUP:  
SEC USE ONLY

**4** SOURCE OF FUNDS: OO

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OF LEGAL  
**5** PROCEEDINGS  ]  
IS

REQUIRED  
PURSUANT  
TO ITEM  
2(d) OR 2(e):  
**6** CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE  
OF ORGANIZATION:  
California

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<b>7</b>	VOTING
SHARES	POWER: 0
BENEFICIALLY	SHARED
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OWNED BY	POWER: 0
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<b>9</b>	DISPOSITIVE
REPORTING	POWER: 0
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PERSON WITH <b>10</b>	DISPOSITIVE
	POWER: 0

**11** AGGREGATE  
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This Amendment No. 8 (“Amendment No. 8”) amends and supplements the Statement on Schedule 13D, dated October 1, 2013, as amended by Amendment No.1, dated April 11, 2014, by Amendment No. 2, dated May 29, 2015, by Amendment No. 3, dated February 22, 2016, Amendment No. 4 dated March 3, 2016, Amendment No. 5 dated March 31, 2017, Amendment No. 6 dated November 14, 2017 and Amendment No. 7 dated November 7, 2018 (the “Schedule 13D”), relating to the Series A Shares of Asterias Biotherapeutics, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), and is filed by and on behalf of BioTime, Inc. (the “Reporting Person”). Unless otherwise defined herein, all capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings previously ascribed to them in the previous filing of the Schedule 13D.

## **ITEM 1. SECURITY AND ISSUER**

This Amendment No. 8 relates to the Series A Shares of the Company and is being filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1 under the Exchange Act. The address of the principal executive offices of the Company is 6300 Dumbarton Circle, Fremont, California 94555.

## **ITEM 2. IDENTITY AND BACKGROUND**

(a) This Amendment No. 8 is being filed on behalf of BioTime, Inc., a California corporation as the Reporting Person.

(b) The address of the principal office of the Reporting Person is BioTime, Inc., 1010 Atlantic Avenue, Suite 102, Alameda, California 94501.

(c) The Reporting Person is a biotechnology company focused on the emerging field of regenerative medicine.

(d) The Reporting Person has not during the last five years been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).

(e) The Reporting Person has not during the last five years been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is 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 California.

#### **ITEM 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION**

The information contained in Item 4 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and supplemented with the following information:

On November 7, 2018, the Company entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the “Merger Agreement”) with the Reporting Person, and Patrick Merger Sub, Inc., a Delaware corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of the Reporting Person (“Merger Sub”). Pursuant to the terms of the Merger Agreement, Merger Sub merged with and into the Company (the “Merger”), with the Company surviving the Merger and becoming a wholly owned subsidiary of the Reporting Person. The Merger closed on March 8, 2019. The Reporting Person no longer beneficially owns any Series A Shares as the Series A Shares beneficially owned by the Reporting Person were cancelled and ceased to exist in connection with the Merger, with no consideration delivered in exchange therefor.

#### **ITEM 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER**

(a)-(b) The Reporting Person no longer beneficially owns any Series A Shares.

(c) Except as set forth herein or disclosed elsewhere in this Schedule 13D, there have been no transactions in the Series A Shares during the sixty days prior to the date hereof by the Reporting Person.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) On March 8, 2019, the Reporting Person ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than 5% of the Series A Shares.

**SIGNATURES**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of its knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information contained in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: March 11, 2019 BIOTIME, INC.  
a California corporation

By: */s/ Brandi Roberts*  
Brandi Roberts  
Chief Financial Officer

