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): August 29, 2023

HCW Biologics Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-40591 (Commission File Number)

82-5024477 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

2929 N. Commerce Parkway Miramar, Florida (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

33025 (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: 954 842-2024

(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: 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)) Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: **Trading** Title of each class Symbol(s) Name of each exchange on which registered Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share HCWB The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

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. \boxtimes

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On August 29, 2023, HCW Biologics Inc. (the "Company") was granted U.S. Patent No. 11,738,052 by the United States Patent and Trac Office which contains claims for a method of promoting the activation and proliferation of natural killer ("NK") cells, known as the Company's "prexpand" method. The patented method is based on contacting NK cells in a liquid culture medium with an antibody construct and two of the Company proprietary molecules, both of which were created using the Company's TOBI TM discovery platform.	ime and

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 hereunto duly authorized.

HCW BIOLOGICS INC.

Date: August 31, 2023 By: /s/ Hing C. Wong

Hing C. Wong

Founder and Chief Executive Officer