UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-1 REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

HCW BIOLOGICS INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

2834 (Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number) 82-5024477 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

2929 N Commerce Parkway Miramar, FL 33025 (954) 842-2024

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of Registrant's principal executive offices)

Hing C. Wong, Ph.D. Chief Executive Officer HCW Biologics Inc. 2929 N Commerce Parkway Miramar, FL 33025 (954) 842-2024

(Name, address including zip code, and telephone number including area code, of agent for service)

COPIES TO:

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: As soon as practicable after this Registration Statement becomes effective.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, check the following box. \Box

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. \boxtimes 333-256510

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. \Box

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(d) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Large accelerated filer \square Accelerated filer \square

Non-accelerated filer	\boxtimes

Smaller reporting	company
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Emerging	growth	company	

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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 to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act. \Box

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of each class of securities to be registered	Amount to be Registered(1)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(1)	Amount of Registration Fee(2)
Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share	1,610,000	\$8.00	\$12,880,000	\$1,405.21

- (1) Represents only the additional number of shares being registered and includes 241,500 additional shares that the underwriters have the option to purchase. In accordance with Rule 462(b) promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), the amount being registered does not include the securities that the Registrant previously registered on the Registration Statement on Form S-1, as amended (File No. 333-256510).
- (2) Calculated under Rule 457(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, for purposes of determining the registration fee based on the initial public offering price of \$8.00 per share. The registrant previously registered securities on a Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-256510), which was declared effective on July 19, 2021. In accordance with Rule 462(b) promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, an additional amount of securities having a proposed maximum aggregate offering price of \$12,880,000 is hereby registered.

The Registration Statement shall become effective upon filing in accordance with Rule 462(b) promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Registration Statement is being filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), for the sole purpose of increasing the aggregate number of shares of common stock offered by HCW Biologics Inc. (the "Registrant") to be registered for sale by 1,610,000 shares, 241,500 of which are subject to purchase upon exercise of the underwriters' option to purchase additional shares of the Registrant's common stock. The additional shares that are being registered for issuance and sale are in an amount and at a price that together represent no more than 20% of the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table contained in the Registration Statement on Form S-1, as amended (File No. 333-256510) (the "Initial Registration Statement"). The contents of the Initial Registration Statement, filed by the Registrant with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") pursuant to the Securities Act, which was declared effective by the Commission on July 19, 2021, are incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement.

The required opinion and consents are listed on the Exhibit Index attached hereto and filed herewith.

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit <u>Number</u>	Description
5.1	Opinion of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP
23.1	Consent of Grant Thornton LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
23.2	Consent of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)
24.1	Power of Attorney*

^{*} Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 24.1 to Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-256510).

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the city of Miramar, State of Florida on July 19, 2021.

HCW BIOLOGICS INC.

By: /s/ Hing C. Wong Hing C. Wong, Ph.D. Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated:

Signature	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
/s/ Hing C. Wong Hing C. Wong	Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	July 19, 2021
/s/ Rebecca Byam Rebecca Byam	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)	July 19, 2021
* Scott T. Garrett	Director	July 19, 2021
* Rick S. Greene	Director	July 19, 2021
*By: /s/ Hing C. Wong	<u> </u>	

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July 19, 2021

HCW Biologics Inc. 2929 N Commerce Parkway Miramar, Florida 33025

Re: Registration Statement on Form S-1

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are acting as counsel for HCW Biologics Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with (i) the registration statement on Form S-1 filed by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on May 26, 2021, as amended (the "Prior Registration Statement"), under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and (ii) a second Registration Statement on Form S-1 filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) promulgated under the Securities Act (the "462(b) Registration Statement", and together with the Prior Registration Statement, the "Registration Statement"). This opinion letter is being furnished to you in connection with your filing of the 462(b) Registration Statement relating to the registration of the offering by the Company of up to 1,610,000 shares (the "Shares") of the Company's common stock, \$0.0001 par value per share, including Shares purchasable by the underwriters upon their exercise of the option granted to the underwriters by the Company to purchase additional shares. This opinion is in addition to our opinion that was filed as Exhibit 5.1 to the Company's Prior Registration Statement.

In connection with rendering the opinion set forth below, we have examined and relied upon originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of instruments, documents, and records which we deemed relevant and necessary for the purpose of rendering our opinion set forth below. In such examination, we have assumed the following: (a) the authenticity of original documents and the genuineness of all signatures, (b) the conformity to the originals of all documents submitted to us as copies, (c) the representations of officers and employees are correct as to questions of fact, (d) the Registration Statement has been declared effective pursuant to the Securities Act and (e) a pricing committee of the board of directors will have taken action necessary to set the sale price of the Shares.

Our opinion herein is limited to the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

Based upon the foregoing, we are of the opinion that the Shares to be issued and sold by the Company have been duly authorized and, when such Shares are issued and paid for in accordance with the terms of the Underwriting Agreement, will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

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We consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement, and we further consent to the use of our name under the caption "Legal matters" in the Registration Statement and the prospectus that forms a part thereof. In giving these consents, we do not thereby admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the Rules and Regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder, nor do we thereby admit that we are "experts" within the meaning of such term as used in the Securities Act with respect to any part of the Registration Statement, including this opinion letter as an exhibit or otherwise.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP

ORRICK, HERRINGTON & SUTCLIFFE LLP

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We have issued our report dated April 16, 2021, except for Note 15 as to which the date is July 6, 2021, with respect to the financial statements of HCW Biologics Inc. contained in the Registration Statement on Form S-1, as amended (File No. 333- 256510), which are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-1MEF. We consent to the incorporation by reference of the aforementioned report in this Registration Statement, and to the use of our name as it appears under the caption "Experts" in the prospectus incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement.

/s/ GRANT THORNTON LLP

Miami, Florida

July 19, 2021