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 9, 2022

ATYR PHARMA, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-37378
(Commission File Number)

20-3435077 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

3545 John Hopkins Court, Suite #250 San Diego, CA (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

92121 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (858) 731-8389

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

| k the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligations of the registrant under any of the wing provisions: |
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| 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:

| | Title of each class | Trading Symbol(s) | Name of each exchange on which registered |
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| Cor | nmon Stock, par value \$0.001 per share | LIFE | The Nasdag Capital Market |

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

| On August 9, 2022, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration granted aTyr Pharma, Inc. Fast Track designation for its lead therapeur |
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| candidate, efzofitimod, for the treatment of pulmonary sarcoidosis, a major form of interstitial lung disease. |
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SIGNATURE

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.

ATYR PHARMA, INC.

By: /s/ Jill M. Broadfoot

Jill M. Broadfoot Chief Financial Officer

Date: August 11, 2022