

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**Form S-8**  
**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**  
*UNDER*  
**THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**Kezar Life Sciences, Inc.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

47-3366145  
(IRS employer  
identification number)

4000 Shoreline Court, Suite 300  
South San Francisco, CA  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

94080  
(Zip Code)

2018 Equity Incentive Plan  
2018 Employee Stock Purchase Plan  
(Full titles of the plans)

John Fowler  
Chief Executive Officer  
Kezar Life Sciences, Inc.  
4000 Shoreline Court, Suite 300  
South San Francisco, CA 94080  
(650) 822-5600

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

*Copies to:*

Laura A. Berezin  
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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," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer   
Non-accelerated filer

Accelerated filer   
Smaller reporting company   
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 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

<b>Title of Securities To Be Registered</b>	<b>Amount To Be Registered<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share</b>	<b>Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price</b>	<b>Amount of Registration Fee</b>
<b>2018 Equity Incentive Plan</b> (Common stock, \$0.001 par value per share)	2,317,987 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$5.625 <sup>(4)</sup>	\$13,038,676.88 <sup>(4)</sup>	\$1,422.52
<b>2018 Employee Stock Purchase Plan</b> (Common stock, \$0.001 par value per share)	375,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	\$5.625 <sup>(4)</sup>	\$2,109,375.00 <sup>(4)</sup>	\$230.13
<b>TOTAL</b>	2,692,987		\$15,148,051.88	\$1,652.65

- (1) Pursuant to Rule 416(a) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “**Securities Act**”), this Registration Statement shall also cover any additional shares of common stock that become issuable under the above-named plans by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or any other similar transaction effected without receipt of consideration which results in an increase in the number of Kezar Life Sciences, Inc.’s (the “**Registrant**”) outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the “**Common Stock**”).
- (2) Represents additional shares of Common Stock reserved for future grant under the Registrant’s 2018 Equity Incentive Plan (the “**2018 Plan**”) as a result of the automatic increase in shares reserved thereunder on January 1, 2021 pursuant to the terms of the 2018 Plan. The 2018 Plan provides that an additional number of shares will automatically be added annually to the shares authorized for issuance under the 2018 Plan beginning on January 1, 2019 and ending on (and including) January 1, 2028 in an amount equal to the lesser of: (a) 5% of the total number of shares of the Registrant’s capital stock outstanding on December 31 of the preceding calendar year; and (b) a number of shares of Common Stock designated by action of the Registrant’s board of directors prior to the first day of any calendar year.
- (3) Represents additional shares of Common Stock reserved for issuance under the Registrant’s 2018 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the “**ESPP**”) as a result of the automatic increase in shares reserved thereunder on January 1, 2021 pursuant to the terms of the ESPP. The ESPP provides that an additional number of shares will automatically be added annually to the shares authorized for issuance under the ESPP beginning on January 1, 2019 and ending on (and including) January 1, 2028 in an amount equal to the lesser of: (a) 1% of the total number of shares of the Registrant’s capital stock outstanding on December 31 of the preceding calendar year; (b) 375,000 shares of Common Stock; and (c) a number of shares of Common Stock designated by action of the Registrant’s board of directors prior to the first day of any calendar year.
- (4) Estimated pursuant to Rule 457(c) and Rule 457(h) solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee. The proposed maximum offering price per share and proposed maximum aggregate offering price are based on the average of the high and low sale prices of the Common Stock as reported on The Nasdaq Global Select Market on March 5, 2021.

## PART I

### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Kezar Life Sciences, Inc. (the “Registrant”) is filing this Registration Statement on Form S-8 for the purpose of registering an additional 2,317,987 shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the “Common Stock”), under the Registrant’s 2018 Equity Incentive Plan and an additional 375,000 shares of Common Stock under the Registrant’s 2018 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, pursuant to the provisions of each plan which provide for annual automatic increases in the number of shares of Common Stock reserved for issuance under each respective plan.

## PART II

### INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

#### Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The Registrant hereby incorporates by reference into this Registration Statement the following documents filed by it with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”):

- (a) the contents of the Registrant’s Registration Statements on Form S-8, previously filed with the Commission on [June 21, 2018](#) (File No. 333-225769), [March 26, 2019](#) (File No. 333-230520) and [March 12, 2020](#) (File No. 333-237133);
- (b) the Registrant’s Annual Report on Form 10-K (File No. 001-38542) for the year ended December 31, 2020, filed with the Commission on [March 11, 2021](#);
- (c) the Registrant’s Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-38542) filed with the Commission on [January 11, 2021](#) (Item 5.02); and
- (d) the description of the Common Stock set forth in the Registrant’s Registration Statement on Form 8-A (File No. 001-38542) filed with the Commission on [June 19, 2018](#), under Section 12(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “**Exchange Act**”), including any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description, including Exhibit 4.3 to the Registrant’s Annual Report on Form 10-K (File No. 001-38542) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2019, filed with the Commission on [March 12, 2020](#).

All documents filed by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act subsequent to the filing of this Registration Statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing such documents, except as to specific sections of such documents as set forth therein. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement herein or in any subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any such statement so modified or superseded shall not constitute a part of this Registration Statement, except as so modified or superseded.

#### Item 8. Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
4.1	<a href="#">Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Registrant’s Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-38542), filed with the Commission on June 26, 2018).</a>
4.2	<a href="#">Amended and Restated Bylaws (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Registrant’s Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-38542), filed with the Commission on June 26, 2018).</a>
4.3	<a href="#">Form of Common Stock Certificate (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant’s Registration Statement on Form S-1/A (File No. 333-225194), filed with the Commission on June 8, 2018).</a>
4.4	<a href="#">2018 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.9 to the Registrant’s Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-225769), filed with the Commission on June 21, 2018).</a>
4.5	<a href="#">Forms of Option Grant Notice and Option Agreement under 2018 Equity Incentive Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Registrant’s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-225194), filed with the Commission on May 24, 2018).</a>

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- 4.6 [Form of Restricted Stock Unit Grant Notice and Unit Award Agreement under 2018 Equity Incentive Plan \(incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 \(File No. 333-225194\), filed with the Commission on May 24, 2018\).](#)
  - 4.7 [2018 Employee Stock Purchase Plan \(incorporated herein by reference to Exhibit 4.12 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-8 \(File No. 333-225769\), filed with the Commission on June 21, 2018\).](#)
  - 5.1 [Opinion of Cooley LLP.](#)
  - 23.1 [Consent of KPMG, LLP, independent registered public accounting firm.](#)
  - 23.2 [Consent of Cooley LLP \(included in Exhibit 5.1\).](#)
  - 24.1 [Power of Attorney \(included on the signature page to this Registration Statement\).](#)
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## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of South San Francisco, State of California on March 11, 2021.

### Kezar Life Sciences, Inc.

By: /s/ John Fowler  
John Fowler  
Chief Executive Officer

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

**KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS**, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints John Fowler and Marc Belsky, and each or any one of them, his or her true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of them, or their or his or her substitutes or substitute, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement on Form S-8 has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ John Fowler</u> John Fowler	Chief Executive Officer and Director ( <i>Principal Executive Officer</i> )	March 11, 2021
<u>/s/ Marc Belsky</u> Marc Belsky	Chief Financial Officer and Secretary ( <i>Principal Financial and Accounting Officer</i> )	March 11, 2021
<u>/s/ Christopher Kirk, Ph.D.</u> Christopher Kirk, Ph.D.	President, Chief Scientific Officer and Director	March 11, 2021
<u>/s/ Jean-Pierre Sommadossi, Ph.D.</u> Jean-Pierre Sommadossi, Ph.D.	Director	March 11, 2021
<u>/s/ Franklin Berger</u> Franklin Berger	Director	March 11, 2021
<u>/s/ Graham Cooper</u> Graham Cooper	Director	March 11, 2021
<u>/s/ Jason Dinges, Ph.D.</u> Jason Dinges, Ph.D.	Director	March 11, 2021
<u>/s/ Elizabeth Garner, M.D.</u> Elizabeth Garner, M.D.	Director	March 11, 2021
<u>/s/ Michael Kauffman, M.D., Ph.D.</u> Michael Kauffman, M.D., Ph.D.	Director	March 11, 2021



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March 11, 2021

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**Re: Registration on Form S-8**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Kezar Life Sciences, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "**Company**"), and you have requested our opinion in connection with the filing of a registration statement on Form S-8 (the "**Registration Statement**") with the Securities and Exchange Commission covering the offering of up to 2,692,987 shares (the "**Shares**") of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "**Common Stock**"), consisting of (i) 2,317,987 shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to the Company's 2018 Equity Incentive Plan (the "**EIP**") and (ii) 375,000 shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to the Company's 2018 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (together with the EIP, the "**Plans**").

In connection with this opinion, we have examined and relied upon (a) the Registration Statement and related prospectuses included therein, (b) the Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and Amended and Restated Bylaws, each as currently in effect, (c) the Plans and (d) originals or copies certified to our satisfaction of such other records, documents, certificates, memoranda, and other instruments as in our judgment are necessary or appropriate to enable us to render the opinion expressed below. We have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to originals of all documents submitted to us as copies, the accuracy, completeness and authenticity of certificates of public officials and the due authorization, execution and delivery of all documents by all persons other than the Company where authorization, execution and delivery are prerequisites to the effectiveness thereof. As to certain factual matters, we have relied upon a certificate of an officer of the Company and have not independently verified such matters.

Our opinion is expressed only with respect to the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware. We express no opinion to the extent that any other laws are applicable to the subject matter hereof and express no opinion and provide no assurance as to compliance with any federal or state securities law, rule or regulation.

On the basis of the foregoing, and in reliance thereon, we are of the opinion that the Shares, when sold and issued in accordance with their respective Plans, the Registration Statement and related prospectuses included therein, will be validly issued, fully paid, and nonassessable (except as to shares issued pursuant to certain deferred payment arrangements, which will be fully paid and nonassessable when such deferred payments are made in full).



We consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement.

Sincerely,

**COOLEY LLP**

By: /s/ Jaime L. Chase  
Jaime L. Chase

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**Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

The Board of Directors  
Kezar Life Sciences, Inc.:

We consent to the use of our report incorporated by reference herein. Our report refers to a change in the method of accounting for leases as of January 1, 2019 due to the adoption of FASB Accounting Standards Update 2016-02, Leases (*Topic 842*).

/s/ KPMG LLP

San Francisco, California  
March 11, 2021