

**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): September 10, 2025

**DERMATA THERAPEUTICS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-40739**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**86-3218736**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**3525 Del Mar Heights Rd., #322, San Diego, CA**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**92130**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(858) 800-2543**

**N/A**  
(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- ☐ 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	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share	DRMA	The Nasdaq Capital Market
Warrants, exercisable for one share of Common Stock	DRMAW	The Nasdaq 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 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2).

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 September 10, 2025, Dermata Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release disclosing the Company's strategic pivot to prioritize the development and distribution of over-the-counter ("OTC") pharmaceutical dermatology focused products that can be sold directly to consumers. The Company plans to initially focus on developing a once weekly acne kit that utilizes an approved OTC monograph active ingredient along with the Company's Spongilla technology. The Company plans to launch its initial acne kit in the middle of 2026 with additional product candidates anticipated to follow. As part of the Company's strategic shift into the OTC marketplace, it has withdrawn its investigational new drug application for XYNGARI™ with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

**Forward-Looking Statements**

This Current Report on Form 8-K contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements can be identified by words such as "aims," "anticipates," "believes," "could," "expects," "estimates," "intends," "may," "plans," "potential," "projects," "should," "will," and "would," or similar references to future periods. Examples of forward-looking statements in this Current Report on Form 8-K include, without limitation, statements related to: Dermata's shift to prioritize OTC dermatology products; the anticipated benefits of the strategic shift; the anticipated benefits of Dermata's strategic shift to OTC products, including acceleration of its path to commercialization, reduction of regulatory burdens, and expansion into broader consumer markets; the expected timing and success of any planned or future OTC product launches; and other factors described in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Any forward-looking statements in this Current Report on Form 8-K are based on management's current expectations of future events and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially and adversely from those set forth in or implied by such forward-looking statements. For a discussion of these and other risks and uncertainties, and other important factors, any of which could cause the Company's actual results to differ from those contained in or implied by the forward-looking statements, see the section entitled "Risk Factors" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as well as discussions of

potential risks, uncertainties and other important factors in any subsequent Company filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. All information in this Current Report on Form 8-K is as of the date of the filing; the Company undertakes no duty to update this information unless required by law.

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**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.

**DERMATA THERAPEUTICS, INC.**

Dated: September 10, 2025

By: /s/ Gerald T. Proehl  
Name: Gerald T. Proehl  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

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