

**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): **January 30, 2026**

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)

(858) 800-2543

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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(s)	Name of 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 4.01. Changes in Registrant’s Certifying Accountant.

(a) Dismissal of independent registered public accounting firm.

On January 30, 2026, Dermata Therapeutics, Inc. (the “Company”) notified Baker Tilly US, LLP (formerly Moss Adams LLP) (“Baker Tilly”) that Baker Tilly would be dismissed as the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm. The Company’s Audit Committee of the Board of Directors (the “Audit Committee”) approved the decision to dismiss Baker Tilly, which will become effective on January 31, 2026.

The audit reports of Baker Tilly on the Company’s financial statements as of and for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 did not contain an adverse opinion or a disclaimer of opinion, and were not qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope, or accounting principles, except that the reports included an explanatory paragraph relating to substantial doubt about the Company’s ability to continue as a going concern.

During the Company’s two most recent fiscal years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 and through January 31, 2026, the Company has not had any disagreement with Baker Tilly on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure or auditing scope or procedures, which disagreement, if not resolved to Baker Tilly’s satisfaction, would have caused Baker Tilly to make reference to the subject matter of the disagreement in its reports on the Company’s financial statements. In addition, during the Company’s two most recent fiscal years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 and through January 31, 2026, there were no “reportable events” as that term is defined in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K.

The Company provided Baker Tilly with a copy of this Current Report on Form 8-K prior to its filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) and requested that Baker Tilly furnish it with a letter addressed to the SEC stating whether or not it agrees with the above statements in Item 4.01(a). A copy of Baker Tilly’s letter, dated February 3, 2026, is filed as Exhibit 16.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

(b) Appointment of new independent registered public accounting firm.

On February 2, 2026, the Audit Committee approved the appointment of CBIZ CPAs P.C., (formerly known as Mayer Hoffman McCann P.C.) (“CBIZ CPAs”) as the Company’s new independent registered public accounting firm.

CBIZ CPAs previously served as the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm from 2016 to 2023. Except for when CBIZ CPAs was previously engaged as the Company’s independent registered accounting firm, during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 and the subsequent interim period through January 31, 2026, neither the Company nor anyone acting on its behalf consulted CBIZ CPAs on any matter relating to either (i) the application of accounting principles to a specific transaction, either completed or contemplated, or the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on the Company’s financial statements or (ii) any matter that was the subject of a disagreement (as that term is defined in Item 304(a)(1)(iv) of Regulation S-K and the related instructions) or a “reportable event” (as that term is defined in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K).

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
16.1	Letter to Securities and Exchange Commission from Baker Tilly US, LLP, dated February 3, 2026
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

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.

DERMATA THERAPEUTICS, INC.

Dated: February 3, 2026

By: /s/ Gerald T. Proehl

Name: Gerald T. Proehl

Title: President, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

February 3, 2026

U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission
100 F Street, N.E.
Washington, DC 20549

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have read the statements made by Dermata Therapeutics, Inc. included under Item 4.01(a) of its Current Report on Form 8-K dated January 30, 2026, to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We agree with the statements concerning our Firm contained therein.

Sincerely,

/s/ Baker Tilly US, LLP
