

Synthetic Biologics, Inc.  
Form SC 13G/A  
February 14, 2017

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

SCHEDULE 13G\*  
(Rule 13d-102)

**INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT  
TO RULES 13d-1(b), (c), AND (d) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2  
(Amendment No.   1  )\***

Synthetic Biologics, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

87164U102

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2016

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of the Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, *see* the *Notes*)

NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

1. Knoll Capital Management, LP

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP  
(see instructions)

- 2. (a)
- (b)

SEC USE ONLY

3.

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4.

Delaware

SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 5.

SHARES 0

BENEFICIALLY

SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY

6.

EACH

3,055,357

REPORTING

PERSON 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH

0

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

3,055,357

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9.

3,055,357

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

10.

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PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11.

2.6%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

12.

PN

NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

1. Fred Knoll

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP  
(see instructions)

2. (a)    
 (b)

SEC USE ONLY

3.

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4.

USA

SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 5.

SHARES 0

BENEFICIALLY

SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY

6.

EACH

3,055,357

REPORTING

PERSON 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH

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8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

3,055,357

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9.

3,055,357

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

10.  
..

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11.

2.6%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

12.

IN

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

1. Gakasa Holdings, LLC

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP  
(see instructions)

2. (a)    
 (b)

SEC USE ONLY

3.

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4.

Florida

SOLE VOTING POWER

NUMBER OF 5.

SHARES 0

BENEFICIALLY

SHARED VOTING POWER

OWNED BY

6.

EACH

3,055,357

REPORTING

PERSON 7. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

WITH

0

8. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

3,055,357

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9.

3,055,357

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

10.  
..

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11.

2.6%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

12.

LLC



**Item 1(a).**

**Name of Issuer:**

Synthetic Biologics, Inc. (the “Issuer”)

**Item 1(b). Address of Issuer’s Principal Executive Offices:**

155 Gibbs Street, Suite 412

Rockville, Maryland 20850

**Item 2(a). Name of Persons Filing:**

Knoll Capital Management LP (“KCMLP”)

Fred Knoll (“Knoll”)

Gakasa Holdings, LLC (“Gakasa”)

**Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence:**

The principle business address for each of KCMLP, Knoll and Gakasa is 5 East 44<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 12, New York, NY 10017

**Item 2(c). Citizenship:**

KCMLP is a limited partnership formed and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware.

Knoll is a citizen of the United States.

Gakasa is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Florida.

**Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities:**

This statement on Schedule 13G is being filed with respect to Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share (the "Common Stock") of the issuer.

**Item 2(e). CUSIP Number:**

87164U102

**Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to Rules 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is**  
**a:** Not applicable

- (a) " Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C 78o);
- (b) " Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C 78c);
- (c) " Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C 78c);
- (d) " Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8);
- (e) " An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f) " An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g) " A parent holding company or control person in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);

(h) "A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813);

(i) "A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act (15 U.S.C. 80a-3);

(j) "A non-U.S. institution in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J);

(k) "Group, in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K).

If filing as a non-U.S. institution in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please specify the type of institution:

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#### **Item 4.**

#### **Ownership:**

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

(a) Amount beneficially owned:

As of this filing:

Gakasa beneficially owns 3,055,357 Shares of the Issuer's Common stock, which is comprised of 2,034,949 Shares of the Issuer's Common Stock and warrants to purchase 1,020,408 shares of Common Stock.

Each of KCMLP and Knoll beneficially own 3,055,357 Shares of the Issuer's Common Stock, which is comprised of 2,034,949 Shares of the Issuer's Common Stock and warrants to purchase 1,020,408 shares of Common Stock. KCMLP has trading authority for Gakasa, and Knoll is the President of KCMLP.

(b) Percent of Class:

The 3,055,357 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock beneficially owned by each of Gakasa, KCMLP and Knoll constitute 2.6% of the Issuer's Common Stock outstanding.

This percentage is calculated based on a total of 116,652,351 shares of Common Stock outstanding, as reported by the Issuer's November 15, 2016 Prospectus.

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

(i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 0

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 3,055,357

KCMLP, Knoll and Gakasa share the power to vote or direct the vote of those shares of Common Stock owned by Gakasa.

(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 3,055,357

KCMLP, Knoll and Gakasa share the power to dispose of or direct the disposition of those shares of Common Stock owned by Gakasa.

**Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:**

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than 5 percent of the class of securities, check the following x.

**Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:**

Not Applicable.

**Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person:**

Not Applicable.

**Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:**

Not Applicable.

**Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group:**

Not Applicable

**Item 10. Certifications:**

By Signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

**SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of its knowledge and belief, I certify (the undersigned certifies) that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

**KNOLL CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LP**

By: /s/ Fred Knoll

Name: Fred Knoll

Dated: February 14, 2017

Title: President

/s/ Fred Knoll

Dated: February 14, 2017 Fred Knoll

**GAKASA HOLDINGS, LLC.**

By: Knoll Capital Management, L.P.,

By: /s/ Fred Knoll

Name: Fred Knoll

Dated: February 14, 2017

Title: President