## 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): March 14, 2020

Innovate Biopharmaceuticals, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-37797 27-3948465
(State or other jurisdiction of (Commission (I.R.S. Employer incorporation or organization) File Number) Identification No.)

8480 Honeycutt Road, Suite 120, Raleigh, NC 27615 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(919) 275-1933 (Registrant's telephone number, include 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:

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
Common Stock \$0.0001 Par Value	INNT	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

#### Emerging growth company x

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. x

### Item 1.02. Termination of a Material Definitive Agreement.

On March 14, 2020, Innovate Biopharmaceuticals, Inc. (the "Company") provided notice of its termination of the at-the-market common stock sales agreement dated October 26, 2018 (the "Sales Agreement"), by and between the Company and H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC ("HCW") and Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc. (collectively with HCW, the "Sales Agents"). The termination of the Sales Agreement is effective on March 19, 2020. As previously reported, pursuant to the terms of the Sales Agreement, the Company could offer and sell shares of its common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (the "Common Stock"), having an aggregate offering price of up to \$40.0 million from time to time through the Sales Agents. The Company is not subject to any termination penalties related to the termination of the Sales Agreement. The Company sold a total of 723,290 shares of its Common Stock pursuant to the Sales Agreement from December 2018 to March 2019.

### **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.

Date: March 19, 2020

Innovate Biopharmaceuticals, Inc.

By: /s/ Edward J. Sitar

Edward J. Sitar

Chief Financial Officer