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### PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

(To the Prospectus dated November 13, 2017)

#### Up to \$3,658,000 of Shares

#### Common Stock

We have entered into a Common Stock Sales Agreement, or the sales agreement, with H.C. Wainwright & Co., LLC, or H.C. Wainwright, dated January 18, 2018, relating to shares of our common stock offered by this prospectus supplement. In accordance with the terms of the sales agreement, we may offer and sell shares of our common stock pursuant to this prospectus supplement having an aggregate offering price of up to \$3,658,000 from time to time through H.C. Wainwright acting as sales agent.

Our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol HTBX. On January 16, 2018, the last reported sale price of our common stock on the NASDAQ Capital Market was \$0.43 per share.

Sales of shares of our common stock, if any, under this prospectus supplement will be made in sales deemed to be an at the market offering as defined in Rule 415 promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act. H.C. Wainwright is not required to sell any specific amount, but will act as sales agent on a commercially reasonable efforts basis consistent with its normal trading and sales practices, on mutually agreed terms

between H.C. Wainwright and us. There is no arrangement for funds to be received in any escrow, trust or similar arrangement.

H.C. Wainwright will be entitled to compensation at a fixed commission rate of up to 3% of the gross proceeds of each sale of shares of our common stock. In connection with the sale of our shares of common stock on our behalf, H.C. Wainwright will be deemed to be an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act and the compensation of H.C. Wainwright will be deemed to be underwriting commissions or discounts. We have also agreed to provide indemnification and contribution to H.C. Wainwright with respect to certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

As of January 18, 2018, the aggregate market value of our outstanding common stock held by non-affiliates was \$19,298,652, based on 42,003,104 shares of outstanding common stock, of which 2,618,099 shares are held by affiliates, and a per share price of \$0.49, which represents the closing sale price of our common stock on November 29, 2017. As of the date of this prospectus, we have offered and sold common stock with an aggregate sales price of \$2,774,528 pursuant to General Instruction I.B.6 to Form S-3 during the 12 calendar month period that ends on and includes the date hereof. Pursuant to General Instruction I.B.6 of Form S-3, in no event will we sell securities in a public primary offering with a value exceeding more than one-third of our public float (the market value of our common stock held by our non-affiliates) in any 12-month period so long as our public float remains below \$75,000,000.

We are an emerging growth company as that term is used in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012 (the JOBS Act ) and, as such, have elected to comply with certain reduced public company reporting requirements. See Prospectus Summary Implications of Being an Emerging Growth Company.

Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. Before making an investment decision, please read the information under the heading Risk Factors beginning on page S-4 of this prospectus supplement and in the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying base prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

H.C. Wainwright & Co.

The date of this prospectus supplement is January 19, 2018

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#### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

This prospectus supplement is part of a registration statement that we have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, utilizing a shelf registration process. Under the shelf registration process, we may offer shares of our common stock having an aggregate offering price of up to \$50,000,000 under the accompanying base prospectus. Under this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus, we may offer shares of our common stock having an aggregate offering price of up to \$3,658,000 from time to time at prices and on terms to be determined by market conditions at the time of offering.

We provide information to you about this offering of shares of our common stock in two separate documents that are bound together: (1) this prospectus supplement, which describes the specific details regarding this offering; and (2) the accompanying base prospectus, which provides general information, some of which may not apply to this offering. Generally, when we refer to this prospectus, we are referring to both documents combined.

If information in this prospectus supplement is inconsistent with the accompanying base prospectus or with any document incorporated by reference that was filed with the SEC before the date of this prospectus supplement, you should rely on this prospectus supplement. Any statement so modified will be deemed to constitute a part of this prospectus only as so modified, and any statement so superseded will be deemed not to constitute a part of this prospectus. However, if any statement in one of these documents is inconsistent with a statement in another document having a later date for example, a document incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the statement in the document having the later date modifies or supersedes the earlier statement as our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since the earlier dates.

This prospectus supplement, the accompanying base prospectus and the documents incorporated into each by reference include important information about us, the securities being offered and other information you should know before investing in our securities. You should also read and consider information in the documents we have referred you to in the section of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus entitled Where You Can Find More Information and Incorporation of Certain Documents By Reference.

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus and any free writing prospectus we may provide to you in connection with this offering and the information incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference therein. We have not, and H.C. Wainwright has not, authorized anyone to provide you with information that is in addition to or different from that contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not offering to sell these securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted. You should not assume that the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying base prospectus is accurate

as of any date other than as of the date of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying base prospectus, as the case may be, or in the case of the documents incorporated by reference, the date of such documents regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus or any sale of our securities. Our business, financial condition, liquidity, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates.

We further note that the representations, warranties and covenants made by us in any agreement that is filed as an exhibit to any document that is incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement were made solely for the benefit of the parties to such agreement, including, in some cases, for the purpose of allocating risk among the parties to such agreements, and should not be deemed to be a representation, warranty or covenant to you. Moreover, such representations, warranties or covenants were accurate only as of the date when made. Accordingly, such representations, warranties and covenants should not be relied on as accurately representing the current state of our affairs.

We are offering to sell, and are seeking offers to buy, the common stock only in jurisdictions where such offers and sales are permitted. No action has been or will be taken in any jurisdiction by us or H.C. Wainwright that would permit a public offering of the common stock or the possession or distribution of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus in any jurisdiction, other than in the United States. Persons outside the United States who come into possession of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus must inform themselves about, and observe any restrictions relating to, the offering of the common stock and the distribution of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus outside the United States. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus do not constitute, and may not be used in connection with, an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, any securities offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus by any person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for such person to make such an offer or solicitation.

### SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus supplement and the documents incorporated by reference herein contain—forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, these statements reflect our current views with respect to our ongoing and planned clinical trials, business strategy, business plan, financial performance and other future events including statements regarding the progress and timing of our product development, the goals of our development activities, estimates of the potential markets for our product candidates, estimates of the capacity of manufacturing and other facilities to support our products, our expected future revenues, operations and expenditures and projected cash needs. The forward-looking statements are contained principally in the sections of this prospectus supplement and the documents incorporated by reference entitled Prospectus Summary, Risk Factors, Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and Business. These statements relate to future events of our financial performance and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievement to differ materially from those expressed or implied by these forward-looking statements. Those risks and uncertainties include, among others:

our ability to implement our business plan;
our ability to raise additional capital to meet our liquidity needs;
our ability to generate sufficient proceeds from this offering;
our ability to generate product revenues;
our ability to achieve profitability;
our ability to satisfy U.S. (including the Food and Drug Administration, or the FDA, and international regulatory requirements;

our ability to obtain market acceptance of our technology and products;
our ability to compete in the market;
our ability to advance our clinical trials;
our ability to fund, design and implement clinical trials;
our ability to demonstrate that our product candidates are safe for human use and effective for indicated uses;
our ability to gain acceptance of physicians and patients for use of our products;
our dependency on third-party researchers and manufacturers and licensors;
our ability to effectively implement cost-cutting measures;
our ability to establish and maintain strategic partnerships, including for the distribution of products;
our ability to attract and retain sufficient, qualified personnel;
our ability to obtain or maintain patents or other appropriate protection for the intellectual property;
our dependency on the intellectual property licensed to us or possessed by third parties;
our ability to adequately support future growth;

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our ability to maintain our NASDAQ listing;

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Pelican Therapeutics, Inc.'s, or Pelican, ability to operate successfully and our ability to integrate our operations with those of Pelican; and

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potential product liability or intellectual property infringement claims.

Please consider our forward-looking statements in light of those risks as you read this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus. It is not possible for our management to predict all risks, nor can we assess the impact of all factors on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements we may make. Given these uncertainties, you should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements.

You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus is accurate as of any date other than as of the date of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying base prospectus, as the case may be, or that any information incorporated by reference into this prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date of the document so incorporated by reference. Except as required by law, we assume no obligation to update these forward-looking statements publicly, or to update the reasons actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements, even if new information becomes available in the future. Thus, you should not assume that our silence over time means that actual events are bearing out as expressed or implied in such forward-looking statements.

If one or more of these or other risks or uncertainties materializes, or if our underlying assumptions prove to be incorrect, actual results may vary materially from what we anticipate. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us or individuals acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by this Note. Before purchasing any shares of common stock, you should consider carefully all of the factors set forth or referred to in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying base prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference that could cause actual results to differ.

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#### PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT SUMMARY

The items in the following summary are described in more detail elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and in the documents incorporated by reference herein. This summary highlights selected information contained elsewhere in this prospectus supplement. This summary is not intended to be complete and does not contain all of the information that you should consider before deciding to invest in our securities. You should read this entire prospectus supplement carefully, especially the Risk Factors section beginning on page S-4 and other documents or information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement before making an investment decision. Except where the context requires otherwise, in this prospectus the terms Company, Heat, we, us and our refer to Heat Biologics, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

### **Company Overview**

Heat Biologics is a biopharmaceutical company developing immunotherapies designed to activate a patient s CD8+ Killer T-cells against cancer. Our T-Cell Activation Platform (TCAP) produces therapies designed to turn "cold" tumors "hot" and be administered in combination with checkpoint inhibitor therapies and other immuno-modulators to increase their effectiveness. We can also utilize our TCAP approach to combine with existing T-cell checkpoint inhibitors and co-stimulators in a single treatment. This offers the potential benefit of combination immunotherapy without the need for multiple, independent biologic products. We are currently enrolling patients in our Phase 2 clinical trial for non-small cell lung cancer, in combination with Bristol-Myers Squibb s nivolumab (Opdivo®). We also have numerous pre-clinical programs at various stages of development.

Through our *ImPACT*® platform technology, we have developed product candidates that consist of live, allogeneic *off-the-shelf* genetically-modified, irradiated human cancer cells. These cells are intended to secrete a broad spectrum of Cancer Testis Antigens (CTA), classified as tumor antigens, together with the gp96 protein. Our *ImPACT*® technology achieves this by reprogramming live tumor cells to secrete gp96, along with their chaperoned tumor antigens; thereby, transforming the allogeneic cells into machines that activate a robust killer CD8+ T cell immune attack against a patient s cancer. Unlike autologous or personalized therapeutic, monotherapy approaches that either require the extraction of blood or tumor tissue from each patient or the creation of an individualized treatment, our product candidates are fully allogeneic, and do not require extraction of individual patient s material or custom manufacturing. As a result, our product candidates can be mass-produced and readily available for immediate patient use. Because each patient receives the same treatment, we believe that our immunotherapy approach offers logistical, manufacturing and other cost benefits, compared to patient-specific or precision medicine approaches.

Our lead *ImPACT*® program, HS-110, is in a Phase 2 clinical trial focused on non-small cell lung cancer in combination with Bristol-Myers Squibb s nivolumab (Opdivo®). HS-110 is made of a cancer cell line that has been genetically modified using our *ImPACT* technology system. It is designed to secrete a wide range of lung cancer-associated antigens bound to gp96 proteins, while activating a broad, T cell mediated immune response against the patient s cancer.

Our *ComPACT* platform technology, currently in preclinical development, is a dual-acting immunotherapy, combining a pan-antigen T-cell activator and a T-cell co-stimulator in a single product, offering the potential benefits of combination immunotherapy without the need for multiple, independent biologic products. The platform offers broad versatility and has been engineered to incorporate into the gp96-Ig expression vector and various fusion proteins targeting co-stimulatory receptors, including but not limited to, OX40, ICOS, GITR and TLIA.

In May 2017, we acquired two T cell co-stimulators through our acquisition of 80% of the outstanding equity of Pelican, broadening our pipeline and strengthening our portfolio in the emerging T-cell activation space. We believe the use of these therapeutic agents, in combination with other immunotherapies, have the potential dramatically improve patient outcomes.

Pelican is the only company with a disclosed preclinical pipeline targeting the T-cell co-stimulator, TNFRSF25. We believe PTX-35 can activate memory CD8+ cytotoxic T-cells and eliminate tumor cells in patients. This solution is designed to harness the body's natural tolerance mechanisms to reprogram the immune system and provide a long-term, durable effect after a short course of therapy. Combined with other immunotherapies, including *ImPACT* and *ComPACT*, PTX-35 could boost anti-cancer responses due to its potential to improve the durability of antigen-specific immune responses and a preferential specificity for stimulating the production of memory CD8+ t cells. In May 2016, a \$15.2 million grant was awarded to Pelican from the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) to support further development of PTX-35 and examine the benefits it may provide to patients with several types of cancers, such as lung, lymphoma, prostate, pancreatic and ovarian.

### **General Corporate Information**

We were incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware on June 10, 2008. Our principal offices are located at 801 Capitola Drive, Bay 12, Durham, North Carolina 27713. Our website address is www.heatbio.com. We make our periodic and current reports that are filed with the SEC available, free of charge, on our website as soon as reasonably practicable after such material is electronically filed with, or furnished to, the SEC. The information contained in, and that can be accessed through, our website is not incorporated into and is not a part of this prospectus.

# **Implications of Being an Emerging Growth Company**

We qualify as an emerging growth company as defined in the Jumpstart Our Business Startups Act of 2012, or the JOBS Act. As an emerging growth company, we intend to take advantage of specified reduced disclosure and other requirements that are otherwise applicable generally to public companies. These provisions include:

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allowance to provide only two years of audited financial statements in addition to any required unaudited interim financial statements with correspondingly reduced "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" disclosure;

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reduced disclosure about our executive compensation arrangements;

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no non-binding advisory votes on executive compensation or golden parachute arrangements; and

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exemption from the auditor attestation requirement in the assessment of our internal control over financial reporting.

We may take advantage of these provisions for up to five years or such earlier time that we are no longer an emerging growth company. We would cease to be an emerging growth company on the date that is the earliest of: (i) the last day of the fiscal year in which we have total annual gross revenues of \$1.07 billion or more; (ii) the last day of our fiscal year following the fifth anniversary of the date of the completion of our initial public offering; (iii) the date on which we have issued more than \$1.0 billion in nonconvertible debt during the previous three years; or (iv) the date on which we are deemed to be a large accelerated filer under the rules of the SEC. We have taken advantage of reduced reporting requirements in this prospectus. Accordingly, the information contained herein may be different than the information you receive from other public companies in which you have beneficial ownership.

# THE OFFERING

Issuer	Heat Biologics, Inc.
Common stock to be offered by us pursuant to this prospectus supplement	Shares of our common stock having an aggregate offering price of up to \$3,658,000.
Common stock to be outstanding after the offering	Up to 50,510,081 shares (as more fully described in the notes following this table), assuming sales of 8,506,977 shares of our common stock in this offering at an offering price of \$0.43 per share, which was the last reported sale price of our common stock on the NASDAQ Capital Market on January 16, 2018. The actual number of shares issued will vary depending on the sales price under this offering. <sup>(1)</sup>
Manner of offering	At the market offering that may be made from time to time on the NASDAQ Capital Market or other market for our common stock in the United States through our sales agent, H.C. Wainwright & Co. LLC. See the section entitled Plan of Distribution on page S-9 of this prospectus supplement.
Use of proceeds	We currently intend to use the net proceeds from this offering to fund our and our subsidiaries preclinical and clinical programs and for working capital and general corporate purposes, including, to acquire, license or invest in complementary businesses, technologies, product candidates or other intellectual property. See Use of Proceeds.
Risk factors	You should read the Risk Factors section of this prospectus supplement and in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement for a discussion of factors to consider before deciding to purchase shares of our common stock.
NASDAQ Capital Market Trading Symbol	HTBX

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Based on 42,003,104 shares of our common stock outstanding as of January 16, 2018.
Unless we indicate otherwise, all information in this prospectus supplement is based on 35,788,912 shares outstanding as of September 30, 2017, and excludes as of such date:
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2,673,549 shares of our common stock issuable upon the exercise of outstanding stock options with a weighted average exercise price of \$2.04 per share;
3,103,963 additional shares of our common stock issuable upon the exercise of outstanding warrants at a weighted average exercise price of \$1.46 per share; and
5,472,184 additional shares of our common stock reserved for future issuance under our equity incentive plans.
Unless otherwise stated, all information contained in this prospectus supplement reflects an assumed public offering price of \$0.43 per share, which was the last reported sale price of our common stock on the NASDAQ Capital Market on January 16, 2018.
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#### **RISK FACTORS**

Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk, and you should be able to bear the complete loss of your investment. You should consider carefully the risks described below and those described under the section captioned Risk Factors contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016, our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2017, any subsequent Annual Reports on Form 10-K, any subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q or Current Reports on Form 8-K, and all other information contained or incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus before deciding whether to purchase any of the common stock being offered under this prospectus supplement. If any of the risks actually occur, our business, consolidated financial condition or results of operations could be adversely affected. In such case, the trading price of our common stock could decline and you could lose all or part of your investment. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in the forward-looking statements made throughout this prospectus supplement as a result of different factors, including the risks we face described below. Unless we have indicated otherwise or the context otherwise requires, references in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying base prospectus or the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein to the Company, Heat Biologics, we, us and our refer to Heat Biologics, Inc.

### Risks Related to this Offering

Our management will have broad discretion over the use of proceeds from this offering and may not use the proceeds effectively.

Our management will have broad discretion over the use of proceeds from this offering. We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering, if any, to fund our and our subsidiaries preclinical and clinical programs and for working capital and general corporate purposes, including, to acquire, license or invest in complementary businesses, technologies, product candidates or other intellectual property. Our management will have considerable discretion in the application of the net proceeds, and you will not have the opportunity, as part of your investment decision, to assess whether the proceeds are being used appropriately. The net proceeds, if any, may be used for corporate purposes that do not improve our operating results or enhance the value of our common stock. The failure of our management to use these funds effectively could have a material adverse effect on our business, cause the market price of our common stock to decline and impair the commercialization of our products and/or delay the development of our product candidates. Pending their use, we may invest the net proceeds from this offering in short-term, investment-grade, interest-bearing instruments and U.S. government securities. These investments may not yield a favorable return to our stockholders.

If you purchase shares of our common stock sold in this offering, you will experience immediate and substantial dilution in the net tangible book value of your shares. In addition, we may issue additional equity or convertible

debt securities in the future, which may result in additional dilution to investors.

The price per share of our common stock being offered may be higher than the net tangible book value per share of our outstanding common stock prior to this offering. Assuming that an aggregate of 8,506,977 shares of our common stock are sold at a price of \$0.43 per share, the last reported sale price of our common stock on the NASDAQ Capital Market on January 16, 2018, for aggregate gross proceeds of approximately \$3,658,000 and after deducting commissions and estimated offering expenses payable by us, new investors in this offering will incur immediate dilution of \$0.34 per share. For a more detailed discussion of the foregoing, see the section entitled Dilution below. To the extent outstanding stock options or warrants are exercised, there will be further dilution to new investors.

Our need for future financing may result in the issuance of additional securities which will cause investors to experience dilution.

Our cash requirements may vary from those now planned depending upon numerous factors, including the result of future research and development activities. We expect our expenses to increase if and when we initiate and conduct Phase 3 and other clinical trials, and seek marketing approval for our product candidates. In addition, if we obtain marketing approval for any of our product candidates, we expect to incur significant commercialization expenses related to product sales, marketing, manufacturing and distribution. Accordingly, we will need to obtain substantial additional funding in connection with our continuing operations. There are no other commitments by any person for future financing. Our securities may be offered to other investors at a price lower than the price per share offered to current stockholders, or upon terms which may be deemed more favorable than those offered to current stockholders. In addition, the issuance of securities in any future financing may dilute an investor sequity ownership and have the effect of depressing the market price for our securities. Moreover, we may issue derivative securities, including options and/or warrants, from time to time, to procure qualified personnel or for other business reasons. The issuance of any such derivative securities, which is at the discretion of our board of directors, may further dilute the equity ownership of our stockholders.

We may sell shares or other securities in any other offering at a price per share that is less than the price per share paid by investors in this offering, and investors purchasing shares or other securities in the future could have rights superior to existing stockholders. The price per share at which we sell additional shares of our common stock, or securities convertible or exchangeable into common stock, in future transactions may be higher or lower than the price per share paid by investors in this offering. No assurance can be given as to our ability to procure additional financing, if required, and on terms deemed favorable to us. To the extent additional capital is required and cannot be raised successfully, we may then have to limit our then current operations and/or may have to curtail certain, if not all, of our business objectives and plans.

We have additional securities available for issuance, which, if issued, could adversely affect the rights of the holders of our common stock.

Our Third Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, authorizes the issuance of 100,000,000 shares of our common stock and 10,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock. In certain circumstances, the common stock and preferred stock, as well as the awards available for issuance under the 2009 and 2014 Plans, can be issued by our board of directors, without stockholder approval. Any future issuances of such stock would further dilute the percentage ownership of us held by holders of Preferred Stock and common stock. In addition, the issuance of Preferred Stock may be used as an anti-takeover device without further action on the part of our stockholders, and may adversely affect the holders of the common stock.

Because we do not intend to declare cash dividends on our shares of common stock in the foreseeable future, stockholders must rely on appreciation of the value of our common stock for any return on their investment.

As stated above, we have never declared or paid cash dividends on our common stock. We currently anticipate that we will retain future earnings for the development, operation and expansion of our business and do not anticipate declaring or paying any cash dividends in the foreseeable future. As a result, we expect that only appreciation of the price of our common stock, if any, will provide a return to investors in this offering for the foreseeable future.

Resales of our common stock in the public market during this offering by our stockholders may cause the market price of our common stock to fall.

We may issue common stock from time to time in connection with this offering. This issuance from time to time of these new shares of our common stock, or our ability to issue these shares of common stock in this offering, could result in resales of our common stock by our current stockholders concerned about the potential dilution of their holdings. In turn, these resales could have the effect of depressing the market price for our common stock.

The actual number of shares we will issue under the Sales Agreement, at any one time or in total, is uncertain.

Subject to certain limitations in the sales agreement with H.C. Wainwright and compliance with applicable law, we have the discretion to deliver placement notices to H.C. Wainwright at any time throughout the term of the sales agreement. The number of shares that are sold by H.C. Wainwright after delivering a placement notice will fluctuate based on the market price of the common stock during the sales period and limits we set with H.C. Wainwright.

The shares of common stock offered under this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus may be sold in at the market offerings, and investors who buy shares at different times will likely pay different prices.

Investors who purchase shares under this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus at different times will likely pay different prices, and so may experience different outcomes in their investment results. We will have discretion, subject to market demand, to vary the timing, prices, and numbers of shares sold, and there is no minimum or maximum sales price. Investors may experience declines in the value of their shares as a result of share sales made at prices lower than the prices they paid.

Our stock could be delisted from NASDAQ, which could affect our stock s market price and liquidity. Our listing on NASDAQ is contingent upon meeting all the continued listing requirements of NASDAQ which include maintaining a minimum bid price of not less than \$1.00 per share. NASDAQ Listing Rules provide that a failure to meet the minimum bid price requirement exists if the deficiency continues for a period of 30 consecutive business days.

On March 15, 2017, we received written notice from the Listing Qualifications Department of The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC ( NASDAQ ) that for the preceding 30 consecutive business days (January 31, 2017 through March 14, 2017), our common stock did not maintain a minimum closing bid price of \$1.00 per share as required by NASDAQ Listing Rule 5550(a)(2).

In accordance with NASDAQ Listing Rule 5810(c)(3)(A), we were given an initial compliance period of 180 calendar days, or until September 11, 2017, to regain compliance with NASDAQ Listing Rule 5550(a)(2). In addition, compliance can be achieved automatically and without further action if the closing bid price of our common stock is at or above \$1.00 for a minimum of ten consecutive business days at any time during the 180-day compliance period, in which case NASDAQ will notify us of our compliance and the matter will be closed.

We did not achieve compliance with NASDAQ Listing Rule 5550(a)(2) by September 11, 2017; however, NASDAQ determined that we were eligible for an additional 180 calendar days, or until March 12, 2018, to regain compliance. NASDAQ s determination to grant the extension was based on our meeting the continued listing requirement for market value of publicly held shares and all other applicable requirements for initial listing on The NASDAQ Capital Market, with the exception of the minimum bid price requirement set forth in NASDAQ Listing Rule 5550(a)(2), and the written notice of our intention to cure the deficiency on or before March 12, 2018 by effecting a reverse stock split, if necessary.

If our common stock is delisted from NASDAQ, our ability to raise capital in the future may be limited. Delisting could also result in less liquidity for our stockholders and a lower stock price. Such a delisting would likely have a negative effect on the price of our common stock and would impair your ability to sell or purchase our common stock when you wish to do so. In the event of a delisting, we expect to take actions to restore our compliance with NASDAQ s listing requirements, but we can provide no assurance that any action taken by us would result in our common stock becoming listed again, or that any such action would stabilize the market price or improve the liquidity of our common stock.

#### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

We may issue and sell shares of our common stock having aggregate gross proceeds of up to \$3,658,000 from time to time under this prospectus supplement and accompanying base prospectus. Because there is no minimum offering amount required as a condition to close this offering, the actual total offering amount, commissions and proceeds to us, if any, are not determinable at this time. The amount of proceeds from this offering will depend upon the number of shares of our common stock sold and the market price at which they are sold. There can be no assurance that we will be able to sell any shares under or fully utilize the sales agreement with H.C. Wainwright as a source of financing.

We intend to use the net proceeds, if any, from the sales of securities offered by this prospectus supplement to fund our and our subsidiaries preclinical and clinical programs and for working capital and general corporate purposes, including, to acquire, license or invest in complementary businesses, technologies, product candidates or other intellectual property. We have broad discretion in determining how the proceeds of this offering will be used, and our discretion is not limited by the aforementioned possible uses. Our board of directors believes the flexibility in application of the net proceeds is prudent.

As of the date of this prospectus supplement, we cannot specify with certainty all of the particular uses for the net proceeds to be received from this offering. The amounts and timing of our actual expenditures will depend on numerous factors including the progress in, and costs of, our clinical trials and other preclinical development programs and the amount of funding, if any, received from grants. Accordingly, our management will have broad discretion in the application of the net proceeds, and investors will be relying on the judgment of management regarding the application of the net proceeds from the offering. We may find it necessary or advisable to reallocate the net proceeds of this offering; however, any such reallocation would be substantially limited to the categories set forth above as we do not intend to use the net proceeds for other purposes. Pending such uses set forth above, we plan to invest the net proceeds in government securities and other short-term investment grade, marketable securities.

### **DIVIDEND POLICY**

We have never declared or paid any cash dividends on our capital stock and we do not currently intend to pay any cash dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future. We expect to retain all available funds and future earnings, if any, to fund the development and growth of our business. Any future determination to pay dividends, if any, on our common stock will be at the discretion of our board of directors and will depend on, among other factors, our results of operations, financial condition, capital requirements and contractual restrictions.

#### DILUTION

If you purchase shares of our common stock in this offering, you will experience dilution to the extent of the difference between the offering price per share and the as adjusted net tangible book value per share after giving effect to this offering.

Our pro forma net tangible book value on September 30, 2017 was approximately \$951,730, or \$0.02 per share after giving effect to the issuances of 6,206,500 shares of common stock for which we received \$2,668,795 in our November 2017 public offering. Net tangible book value is total assets minus the sum of liabilities and intangible assets. Net tangible book value per share is net tangible book value divided by the total number of shares outstanding.

After giving effect to the sale of shares of common stock in this offering in the aggregate amount of approximately \$3.7 million at an assumed offering price of \$0.43 per share, which is the last reported sale price of our common stock on the NASDAQ Capital Market on January 16, 2018, and after deducting estimated offering commissions and estimated aggregate offering expenses payable by us, our pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value as of September 30, 2017 would have been approximately \$4,405,990, or \$0.09 per share of common stock. This represents an immediate increase in pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value of \$0.07 per share to our existing stockholders and an immediate dilution in net tangible book value of \$0.34 per share to investors participating in this offering. The following table illustrates this dilution per share to investors participating in this offering:

Assumed public offering price per share		\$ 0.43
Pro forma net tangible book value per share as of September 30, 2017	\$ 0.02	
Increase in pro forma net tangible book value per share attributable to new investors		
purchasing common stock in this offering	\$ 0.07	
Pro forma as adjusted net tangible book value per share after giving effect to this offering		0.09
Dilution per share to new investors		\$ 0.34

The foregoing discussion and table do not take into account further dilution to new investors that could occur upon the exercise of outstanding options or warrants having a per share exercise price less than the per share offering price to the public in this offering. In addition, we may choose to raise additional capital due to market conditions or strategic considerations even if we believe we have sufficient funds for our current or future operating plans. To the extent that additional capital is raised through the sale of equity or convertible debt securities, the issuance of these securities could result in further dilution to our stockholders.

The table and discussion above are based on 42,003,104 shares of common stock issued and outstanding as of September 30, 2017 after giving effect to the proceeds received from and shares issued in our November 2017 public offering and excludes as of that date:
2,673,549 shares of our common stock issuable upon the exercise of outstanding stock options with a weighted average exercise price of \$2.04 per share;
3,103,963 additional shares of our common stock issuable upon the exercise of outstanding warrants at a weighted average exercise price of \$1.46 per share; and
5,472,184 additional shares of our common stock reserved for future issuance under our equity incentive plans.
Unless otherwise stated, all information contained in this prospectus supplement reflects an assumed public offering price of \$0.43 per share, which was the last reported sale price of our common stock on the NASDAQ Capital Market on January 16, 2018.
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# PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We have entered into a Common Stock Sales Agreement, or the sales agreement, with H.C. Wainwright, under which we may issue and sell our common stock from time to time through H.C. Wainwright acting as sales agent, subject to certain limitations, as described below. Pursuant to the terms of the sales agreement, in no event will we issue or sell through H.C. Wainwright, as sales agent, such number or dollar amount of shares of common stock that would: (i) exceed the number or dollar amount of shares of common stock registered on the registration statement pursuant to which this offering relates; (ii) exceed the number of authorized but unissued shares of common stock; (iii) exceed the number or dollar amount of shares of common stock permitted to be sold under Form S-3 (including General Instruction I.B.6 thereof, if applicable); or (iv) exceed the number or dollar amount of common stock for which we have filed a prospectus supplement.

The sales, if any, of shares made under the sales agreement will be made by any method that is deemed an at the market offering as defined in Rule 415 promulgated under the Securities Act. We may instruct H.C. Wainwright not to sell common stock if the sales cannot be effected at or above the price designated by us from time to time. We or H.C. Wainwright may suspend the offering of common stock upon notice and subject to other conditions.

H.C. Wainwright will offer our common stock subject to the terms and conditions of the sales agreement as agreed upon by us and H.C. Wainwright. Each time we wish to issue and sell common stock under the sales agreement, we will notify H.C. Wainwright of the number of shares to be issued, the time period during which such sales are requested to be made, any limitation on the number of shares that may be sold in one day, any minimum price below which sales may not be made and other sales parameters as we deem appropriate. Once we have so instructed H.C. Wainwright, unless H.C. Wainwright declines to accept the terms of the notice, H.C. Wainwright has agreed to use its commercially reasonable efforts consistent with its normal trading and sales practices to sell such shares up to the amount specified on such terms. The obligations of H.C. Wainwright under the sales agreement to sell our common stock are subject to a number of conditions that we must meet.

We will pay H.C. Wainwright commissions for its services in acting as agent in the sale of common stock. H.C. Wainwright will be paid a commission in an amount equal to up to 3.0% of the gross sales price per share sold. Because there is no minimum offering amount required as a condition to close this offering, the actual total public offering amount, commissions and proceeds to us, if any, are not determinable at this time. We have also reimbursed H.C. Wainwright for certain specified expenses, including the fees and disbursements of its legal counsel in an amount not to exceed \$50,000 and have agreed to reimburse H.C. Wainwright an amount not to exceed \$2,500 per quarter during the term of the sales agreement for legal fees to be incurred by H.C. Wainwright. We estimate that the total expenses for the offering, excluding commissions and reimbursements payable to H.C. Wainwright under the terms of the sales agreement, will be approximately \$100,000.

Settlement for sales of common stock will generally occur on the second business day following the date on which any sales are made, or on some other date that is agreed upon by us and H.C. Wainwright in connection with a particular transaction, in return for payment of the net proceeds to us. There is no arrangement for funds to be received in an escrow, trust or similar arrangement.

H.C. Wainwright will act as sales agent on a commercially reasonable efforts basis consistent with its normal trading and sales practices and applicable state and federal laws, rules and regulations and the rules of The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC. In connection with the sale of the common stock on our behalf, H.C. Wainwright will be deemed to be an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act and the compensation of H.C. Wainwright will be deemed to be underwriting commissions or discounts. We have agreed to provide indemnification and contribution to H.C. Wainwright against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

The offering of our common stock pursuant to the sales agreement will terminate upon the earlier of (i) the sale of all of our common stock subject to the sales agreement, or (ii) termination of the sales agreement as provided therein.

H.C. Wainwright and its affiliates may in the future provide various investment banking and other financial services for us and our affiliates, for which services they may in the future receive customary fees. To the extent required by Regulation M, H.C. Wainwright will not engage in any market making activities involving our common stock while the offering is ongoing under this prospectus supplement.

This summary of the material provisions of the sales agreement does not purport to be a complete statement of its terms and conditions. A copy of the sales agreement has been filed with the SEC as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K.

#### LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the shares of common stock offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Gracin & Marlow, LLP, New York, New York. Duane Morris LLP, Newark, New Jersey, is acting as counsel to H.C. Wainwright in this offering.

#### **EXPERTS**

The consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 and for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2016 incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the Registration Statement have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of BDO USA, LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting. The report contains an explanatory paragraph regarding the Company s ability to continue as a going concern.

The financial statements of Pelican Therapeutics, Inc. as of December 31, 2016 and 2015 and for the years then ended, included in our current report on Form 8-K/A filed on July 11, 2017, incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the Registration Statement have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of BDO USA, LLP, an independent auditor, given on the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing. The report contains an explanatory paragraph regarding Pelican s ability to continue as a going concern.

## WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any document we file at the SEC s public reference room located at 100 F Street N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of the public reference room. Our public filings are also available to the public at the SEC s web site at www.sec.gov.

This prospectus supplement is part of a registration statement on Form S-3 that we have filed with the SEC under the Securities Act. This prospectus supplement does not contain all of the information in the registration statement. We have omitted certain parts of the registration statement, as permitted by the rules and regulations of the SEC. You may inspect and copy the registration statement, including exhibits, at the SEC s public reference room or Internet site.

Additional information about Heat Biologics, Inc. is contained at our website, www.heatbio.com. Information on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement. We make available on our website our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K as soon as reasonably practicable after those reports are filed with the SEC. The following Corporate Governance documents are also posted on our website: Code of Conduct, Code of Ethics and the Charters for the Audit Committee, Compensation Committee and Nominations Committee of the Board of Directors.

#### INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference certain information that we will file with it which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents instead of having to repeat the information in this prospectus supplement. The information incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus supplement, and the later information that we file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. We incorporate by reference the documents listed below, however, we will not incorporate by reference any documents or portions thereof that are not deemed filed with the SEC, or any information furnished pursuant to Items 2.02 or 7.01 of Form 8-K or related exhibits furnished pursuant to Item 9.01 of Form 8-K:

- Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 (File No. 001-35994) filed with the SEC on March 31, 2017;
- Our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, 2017, June 30, 2017 and September 30, 2017 (File No. 001-35994) filed with the SEC on May 11, 2017, August 14, 2017, and November 13, 2017, respectively, and our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q/A (Amendment No. 1) for the quarter ended June 30, 2017 (File No. 001-35994) filed with the SEC on September 15, 2017;
- Our Current Reports on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35994) filed with the SEC on January 4, 2017, February 3, 2017, March 8, 2017, March 13, 2017, March 16, 2017, March 21, 2017, March 24, 2017, April 7, 2017, May 3, 2017, May 31, 2017, June 30, 2017, Form 8-K/A filed on July 11, 2017, Form 8 K/A filed July 17, 2017, September 12, 2017, September 14, 2017, September 15, 2017, September 27, 2017, September 28, 2017, October 16, 2017, October 23, 2017, October 27, 2017, October 30, 2017, November 6, 2017, November 7, 2017, November 9, 2017, November 13, 2017 (other than as indicated therein), November 17, 2017, December 7, 2017, January 10, 2018, and January 19, 2018 (regarding the sales agreement);
- · Our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on May 11, 2017;
- The description of our common stock set forth in our registration statement on Form 8-A12B, filed with the SEC on July 8, 2013 (File No. 001-35994); and
- · All documents filed by us with the SEC pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (Commission File No. 001-35994) after the date of this prospectus supplement and before the completion of the offering of the shares of our common stock included in this prospectus supplement.

You may obtain, free of charge, a copy of any of these documents (other than exhibits to these documents unless the exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference into these documents or referred to in this prospectus) by writing or calling us at the following address and telephone number:

Heat Biologics, Inc.

801 Capitola Drive, Suite 12 Durham, North Carolina 27713

(919) 240-7133

Any statement contained in this prospectus supplement or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this prospectus supplement to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus supplement or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes that statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus supplement.

#### **PROSPECTUS**

\$50,000,000

**Common Stock** 

**Preferred Stock** 

Warrants

Units

We may offer and sell up to \$50,000,000 in the aggregate of the securities identified above from time to time in one or more offerings. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities.

Each time we offer and sell securities, we will provide a supplement to this prospectus that contains specific information about the offering and the amounts, prices and terms of the securities. The supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus with respect to that offering. You should carefully read this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement before you invest in any of our securities.

We may offer and sell the securities described in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement to or through one or more underwriters, dealers and agents, or directly to purchasers, or through a combination of these methods. If any underwriters, dealers or agents are involved in the sale of any of the securities, their names and any applicable purchase price, fee, commission or discount arrangement between or among them will be set forth, or will be

calculable from the information set forth, in the applicable prospectus supplement. See the sections of this prospectus entitled About this Prospectus and Plan of Distribution for more information. No securities may be sold without delivery of this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement describing the method and terms of the offering of such securities.

This prospectus may not be used to sell securities unless it is accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

INVESTING IN OUR SECURITIES INVOLVES RISKS. SEE THE RISK FACTORS ON PAGE 6 OF THIS PROSPECTUS AND ANY SIMILAR SECTION CONTAINED IN THE APPLICABLE PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT CONCERNING FACTORS YOU SHOULD CONSIDER BEFORE INVESTING IN OUR SECURITIES.

Our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol HTBX. On October 27, 2017, the last reported sale price of our common stock on the NASDAQ Capital Market was \$0.56 per share.

As of October 27, 2017, the aggregate market value of our outstanding common stock held by non-affiliates was \$25,109,897, based on 35,788,912 shares of outstanding common stock, of which 2,701,684 shares are held by affiliates, and a per share price of \$0.7589 based on the closing sale price of our common stock on October 6, 2017. As of the date of this prospectus, we have offered and sold common stock with an aggregate sales price of \$2,623,244 pursuant to General Instruction I.B.6 to Form S-3 during the 12 calendar month period that ends on and includes the date hereof.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is November 13, 2017

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You should rely only on the information we have provided or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or in any prospectus supplement. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information different from that contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or in any prospectus supplement. This prospectus and any prospectus supplement is an offer to sell only the securities offered hereby, but only under circumstances and in jurisdictions where it is lawful to do so. You should assume that the information contained in this prospectus and in any prospectus supplement is accurate only as of their respective dates and that any information we have incorporated by reference is accurate only as of the date of the document incorporated by reference, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus or any prospective supplement or any sale of securities. The registration statement, including the exhibits and the documents incorporated herein by reference, can be read on the Securities and Exchange Commission website or at the Securities and Exchange Commission offices mentioned under the heading Where You Can Find More Information.

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#### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, (the SEC), using a shelf registration process. By using a shelf registration statement, we may sell securities from time to time and in one or more offerings up to a total dollar amount of \$50 million of securities as described in this prospectus. Each time that we offer and sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement to this prospectus that contains specific information about the securities being offered and sold and the specific terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus with respect to that offering. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, you should rely on the prospectus supplement. Before purchasing any securities, you should carefully read both this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, together with the additional information described under the heading. Where You Can Find More Information and Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference.

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