

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

**POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO FORM S-3 REGISTRATION STATEMENT NO. 333-270339  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

**Verona Pharma plc**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**United Kingdom**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**98-1489389**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**3 More London Riverside  
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(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:** Not applicable.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

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 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.

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## DEREGISTRATION OF SECURITIES

Verona Pharma plc, a public limited company incorporated under the laws of England and Wales (the “*Company*”), is filing this post-effective amendment (this “*Post-Effective Amendment*”) to the following Registration Statement on Form S-3 (the “*Registration Statement*”), which was previously filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the “*SEC*”), to deregister any and all securities registered but unsold under such Registration Statement as of the date hereof:

- Registration Statement No. 333-270339, filed with the SEC on Form S-3ASR on March 7, 2023, pertaining to the registration of ordinary shares, nominal value £0.05 per share, including ordinary shares represented by the Company’s American Depositary Shares, debt securities, warrants and units.

On July 8, 2025, the Company entered into a transaction agreement (the “*Transaction Agreement*”) with Merck Sharp & Dohme LLC, a New Jersey limited liability company (“*Parent*”) and Vol Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and wholly owned subsidiary of Parent (“*Bidco*”), pursuant to which Bidco agreed to acquire the entire issued and to be issued share capital of the Company (the “*Transaction*”) by means of a court-sanctioned English law scheme of arrangement (the “*Scheme of Arrangement*”) under Part 26 of the Companies Act 2006. On October 6, 2025, the High Court of Justice of England and Wales (the “*Court*”) sanctioned the Scheme of Arrangement at a public hearing convened by the Court and the Company. On October 7, 2025, Merck and Bidco consummated the Transaction in accordance with the Transaction Agreement and the Scheme of Arrangement.

As a result of the Transaction, the Company has terminated all offerings of the Company’s securities registered pursuant to its existing registration statements under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, including the Registration Statement. The Company, by filing this Post-Effective Amendment, hereby terminates the effectiveness of the Registration Statement and removes from registration any and all securities registered for issuance under the Registration Statement that remain unsold as of the date hereof. This filing is made in accordance with an undertaking made by the Company in the Registration Statement to remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any securities that had been registered for issuance that remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of London, United Kingdom on October 7, 2025.

**VERONA PHARMA PLC**

By: /s/ Benjamin Lucas

Name: Benjamin Lucas

Title: Principal Executive Officer and Director

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Post-Effective Amendment to the Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ Benjamin Lucas</u> Benjamin Lucas	Principal Executive Officer and Director	October 7, 2025
<u>/s/ Ebru Can Temucin</u> Ebru Can Temucin	Principal Accounting Officer, Principal Financial Officer and Director	October 7, 2025

**SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED U.S. REPRESENTATIVE OF REGISTRANT**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the undersigned, the duly authorized representative in the United States of Verona Pharma plc, has signed this Post-Effective Amendment to the Registration Statement on Form S-3, in the City of New York, State of New York, on October 7, 2025.

**COGENCY GLOBAL INC.**

(Authorized Representative in the United States)

By: /s/ Colleen A. De Vries

Name: Colleen A. De Vries

Title: Senior Vice President on behalf of Cogency Global Inc.

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