

Sorrento Therapeutics, Inc.  
Form S-3/A  
July 12, 2017

As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 12, 2017

**Registration No. 333-217673**

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

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**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

**TO**

**FORM S-3**

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER**

**THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

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**SORRENTO THERAPEUTICS, INC.**

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

**Delaware**

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

**33-0344842**

**(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)**

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**4955 Directors Place  
San Diego, CA 92121**

**(858) 203-4100**

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

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**Dr. Henry Ji**

**President and Chief Executive Officer**

**Sorrento Therapeutics, Inc.**

**4955 Directors Place**

**San Diego, CA 92121**

**(858) 203-4100**

**(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number,  
including area code, of agent for service)**

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Copies to:

**Jeffrey T. Hartlin, Esq.**

**Paul Hastings LLP**

**1117 S. California Avenue**

**Palo Alto, CA 94304**

**(650) 320-1804**

**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:**

From time to time after this registration statement becomes effective

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, a smaller reporting company or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of “large accelerated filer,” “accelerated

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filer,” “smaller reporting company” and “emerging growth company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

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|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Large accelerated<br>filer “ | Accelerated filer<br>x | Non-accelerated filer “<br><br>(Do not check if a smaller reporting<br>company) | Smaller reporting<br>company “ | Emerging growth<br>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. “

**The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission acting pursuant to said Section 8(a) may determine.**

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

This Amendment No. 1 (this “Amendment”) to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-217673) (the “Registration Statement”) of Sorrento Therapeutics, Inc. is being filed solely to re-file Exhibit 23.1, Exhibit 23.2 and Exhibit 23.3 to the Registration Statement, which were previously filed with the Registration Statement. Accordingly, this Amendment consists solely of the facing page, this explanatory note, Item 16 of Part II of the Registration Statement, the signature page, the index to exhibits, Exhibit 23.1, Exhibit 23.2 and Exhibit 23.3. The remainder of the Registration Statement is unchanged and therefore has not been included in this Amendment.

**PART II**

**INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS**

*Item 16. Exhibits*

| <b>Exhibit<br/>Number</b> | <b>Description</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| 3.1                       | Restated Certificate of Incorporation (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Form S-3 filed with the SEC on June 24, 2013).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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- 4.2 Form of Convertible Promissory Note (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on October 21, 2013).
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† Previously filed.

\* Filed herewith.



**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 Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of San Diego, State of California, on July 11, 2017.

**SORRENTO THERAPEUTICS, INC.**

By: /s/ Henry Ji, Ph.D.  
Henry Ji, Ph.D.

*President and Chief Executive Officer*

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Amendment No.1 to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| <b>Signature</b>                       | <b>Title</b>                                                                            | <b>Date</b>   |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| /s/ Henry Ji, Ph.D.<br>Henry Ji, Ph.D. | Director, Chief Executive Officer and President<br><i>(Principal Executive Officer)</i> | July 11, 2017 |
| /s/ Dean Ferrigno<br>Dean Ferrigno     | Chief Accounting Officer<br><i>(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)</i>         | July 11, 2017 |
| *<br>David Deming                      | Director                                                                                | July 11, 2017 |
| *<br>Kim D. Janda, Ph.D.               | Director                                                                                | July 11, 2017 |
| *<br>William S. Marth, Ph.D.           | Director                                                                                | July 11, 2017 |
| *<br>Jaisim Shah                       | Director                                                                                | July 11, 2017 |
| *<br>                                  | Director                                                                                | July 11, 2017 |

Yue Alexander Wu, Ph.D.

\* By: /s/ Henry Ji, Ph.D.  
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Attorney-in-Fact

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