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

#### **SCHEDULE 13D**

(Rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO § 240.13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO § 240.13d-2(a)

(Amendment No.)1

<u>Praxis Precision Medicines, Inc.</u> (Name of Issuer)

<u>Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share</u> (Title of Class of Securities)

> 74006W108 (CUSIP Number)

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

March 8, 2023 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§ 240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box  $\Box$ .

Note: Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. See § 240.13d-7 for other parties to whom copies are to be sent.

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*).

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 disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

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The following constitutes the Schedule 13D filed by the undersigned (the "Schedule 13D").

#### Item 1. <u>Security and Issuer</u>.

This statement relates to the common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (the "Shares"), of Praxis Precision Medicines, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Issuer"). The address of the principal executive offices of the Issuer is 99 High Street, 30<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110.

#### Item 2. <u>Identity and Background</u>.

- (a) This statement is filed by:
  - (i) Velan Capital Master Fund LP, an exempted limited partnership organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands ("Velan Master"), with respect to the Shares directly and beneficially owned by it;
  - (ii) Velan Capital Holdings LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Velan GP"), as the general partner of Velan Master;
  - (iii) Velan Capital Investment Management LP, a Delaware limited partnership ("Velan Capital"), as the investment manager of Velan Master;
  - (iv) Velan Capital Management LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Velan IM GP"), as the general partner of Velan Capital;
  - (v) Adam Morgan, as a Managing Member of each of Velan GP and Velan IM GP; and
  - (vi) Balaji Venkataraman, as a Managing Member of each of Velan GP and Velan IM GP.

Each of the foregoing is referred to as a "Reporting Person" and collectively as the "Reporting Persons." Each of the Reporting Persons is party to that certain Joint Filing Agreement, as further described in Item 6. Accordingly, the Reporting Persons are hereby filing a joint Schedule 13D.

- (b) The address of the principal office of Velan Master is 89 Nexus Way, Camana Bay, Grand Cayman KY1-9009, Cayman Islands. The address of the principal office of each of Velan GP, Velan Capital, Velan IM GP and Messrs. Morgan and Venkataraman is 1055b Powers Place, Alpharetta, Georgia 30009.
- (c) The principal business of Velan Master is investing in securities. The principal business of Velan GP is serving as the general partner of Velan Master. The principal business of Velan Capital is serving as the investment manager of Velan Master. The principal business of Velan IM GP is serving as the general partner of Velan Capital. Mr. Morgan is the Chief Investment Officer of Velan Capital and serves as a Managing Member of each of Velan GP and Velan IM GP. Mr. Venkataraman is an investor in the specialty pharmaceutical industry and serves as a Managing Member of each of Velan GP and Velan IM GP.
- (d) No Reporting Person has, during the last five years, been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).

- (e) No Reporting Person has, during the last five years, been party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.
- (f) Velan Master is organized under the laws of the Cayman Islands. Velan GP, Velan Capital and Velan IM GP are organized under the laws of the State of Delaware. Messrs. Morgan and Venkataraman are citizens of the United States of America.

#### Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

The Shares beneficially owned directly by Velan Master were purchased with working capital (which may, at any given time, include margin loans made by brokerage firms in the ordinary course of business). The aggregate purchase price of the 5,185,000 Shares beneficially owned by Velan Master is approximately \$5,564,311, including brokerage commissions.

#### Item 4. <u>Purpose of Transaction</u>.

The Reporting Persons purchased the Shares based on the Reporting Persons' belief that the Shares, when purchased, were undervalued and represented an attractive investment opportunity. Depending upon overall market conditions, other investment opportunities available to the Reporting Persons, and the availability of Shares at prices that would make the purchase or sale of Shares desirable, the Reporting Persons may endeavor to increase or decrease their position in the Issuer through, among other things, the purchase or sale of Shares on the open market or in private transactions or otherwise, on such terms and at such times as the Reporting Persons may deem advisable.

The Reporting Persons intend to engage in communications with the Issuer's Board of Directors (the "Board") and management team regarding opportunities to enhance stockholder value and improve corporate governance.

No Reporting Person has any present plan or proposal which would relate to or result in any of the matters set forth in subparagraphs (a) - (j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D except as set forth herein or such as would occur upon or in connection with completion of, or following, any of the actions discussed herein. Depending on various factors including, without limitation, the Issuer's financial position and investment strategy, the price levels of the Shares, conditions in the securities markets and general economic and industry conditions, the Reporting Persons may in the future take such actions with respect to their investment in the Issuer as they deem appropriate including, without limitation, engaging in additional communications with management and the Board of the Issuer, engaging in discussions with stockholders of the Issuer or third parties, including potential acquirers and service providers about the Issuer and the Reporting Persons' investment, making proposals to the Issuer concerning changes to the capital allocation strategy, capitalization, ownership structure, including a sale of the Issuer as a whole or in parts, Board structure (including Board composition) or operations of the Issuer, purchasing additional Shares, selling some or all of their Shares, engaging in short selling of or any hedging or similar transaction with respect to the Shares, or changing their intention with respect to any and all matters referred to in Item 4.

#### Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

(a) The aggregate percentage of Shares reported owned by each person named herein is based upon 52,393,118 Shares outstanding as of February 3, 2023, which is the total number of Shares outstanding as reported in the Issuer's annual report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 7, 2023.

As of the date hereof, Velan Master directly beneficially owns 5,185,000 Shares, constituting approximately 9.9% of the Shares outstanding. Velan GP, as the general partner of Velan Master, may be deemed to beneficially own the 5,185,000 Shares owned by Velan Master, constituting approximately 9.9% of the Shares outstanding. Velan Capital, as the investment manager of Velan Master, may be deemed to beneficially own the 5,185,000 Shares owned by Velan Master, constituting approximately 9.9% of the Shares outstanding. Velan IM GP, as the general partner of Velan Capital, may be deemed to beneficially own the 5,185,000 Shares owned by Velan Master, constituting approximately 9.9% of the Shares outstanding. Messrs. Morgan and Venkataraman, as Managing Members of each of Velan GP and Velan IM GP, may be deemed to beneficially own the 5,185,000 Shares owned by Velan Master, constituting approximately 9.9% of the Shares outstanding.

The filing of this Schedule 13D shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Persons are, for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the beneficial owners of any securities of the Issuer that he or it does not directly own. Each of the Reporting Persons specifically disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein that he or it does not directly own.

- (b) Each of Velan Master, Velan GP, Velan Capital, Velan IM GP and Messrs. Morgan and Venkataraman may be deemed to share the power to vote and dispose of the Shares owned by Velan Master.
- (c) Schedule A annexed hereto lists all transactions in the securities of the Issuer by the Reporting Persons during the past 60 days. All of such transactions were effected in the open market unless otherwise noted therein.
- (d) No person other than the Reporting Persons is known to have the right to receive, or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or proceeds from the sale of, the Shares.
  - (e) Not applicable.

#### Item 6. <u>Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships With Respect to Securities of the Issuer.</u>

On March 20, 2023, the Reporting Persons entered into a Joint Filing Agreement in which the Reporting Persons agreed to the joint filing on behalf of each of them of statements on Schedule 13D with respect to the securities of the Issuer to the extent required by applicable law. The Joint Filing Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Other than as described herein, there are no contracts, arrangements, understandings or relationships among the Reporting Persons, or between the Reporting Persons and any other person, with respect to the securities of the Issuer.

#### Item 7. <u>Material to be Filed as Exhibits.</u>

99.1 Joint Filing Agreement, dated March 20, 2023.

#### **SIGNATURES**

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

Dated: March 20, 2023

Velan Capital Master Fund LP

By: Velan Capital Holdings LLC

General Partner

By: /s/ Adam Morgan

Name: Adam Morgan Title: Managing Member

Velan Capital Holdings LLC

By: /s/ Adam Morgan

Name: Adam Morgan
Title: Managing Member

Velan Capital Investment Management LP

By: Velan Capital Management LLC

General Partner

By: /s/ Adam Morgan

Name: Adam Morgan
Title: Managing Member

Velan Capital Management LLC

By: /s/ Adam Morgan

Name: Adam Morgan Title: Managing Member

/s/ Adam Morgan

Adam Morgan

/s/ Balaji Venkataraman

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### SCHEDULE A

## <u>Transactions in the Securities of the Issuer During the Past 60 Days</u>

Nature of the Transaction	Securities <a href="Purchased/(Sold">Purchased/(Sold)</a>	Price Per Security(\$)	Date of Purchase/Sale		
<u>VELAN CAPITAL MASTER FUND LP</u>					
Purchase of Common Stock	1,737,000	1.0470	03/06/2023		
Purchase of Common Stock	763,000	1.0761	03/07/2023		
Purchase of Common Stock	611,846	1.0267	03/08/2023		
Purchase of Common Stock	565,963	1.0051	03/09/2023		
Purchase of Common Stock	230,779	1.0350	03/10/2023		
Purchase of Common Stock	305,019	1.0795	03/13/2023		
Purchase of Common Stock	300,000	1.1095	03/14/2023		
Purchase of Common Stock	300,000	1.1315	03/15/2023		
Purchase of Common Stock	216,393	1.1484	03/16/2023		
Purchase of Common Stock	155,000	1.0875	03/17/2023		

#### JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

In accordance with Rule 13d-1(k)(1)(iii) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the persons named below agree to the joint filing on behalf of each of them of a Statement on Schedule 13D (including additional amendments thereto) with respect to the common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, of Praxis Precision Medicines, Inc., a Delaware corporation. This Joint Filing Agreement shall be filed as an Exhibit to such Statement.

Dated: March 20, 2023

Velan Capital Master Fund LP

By: Velan Capital Holdings LLC

General Partner

By: /s/ Adam Morgan

Name: Adam Morgan
Title: Managing Member

Velan Capital Holdings LLC

By: /s/ Adam Morgan

Name: Adam Morgan
Title: Managing Member

Velan Capital Investment Management LP

By: Velan Capital Management LLC

General Partner

By: /s/ Adam Morgan

Name: Adam Morgan Title: Managing Member

Velan Capital Management LLC

By: /s/ Adam Morgan

Name: Adam Morgan
Title: Managing Member

/s/ Adam Morgan

Adam Morgan

/s/ Balaji Venkataraman

Balaji Venkataraman