SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT Under the Securities Act of 1933

PRESSURE BIOSCIENCES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Massachusetts 04-2652826

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

14 Norfolk Avenue, South Easton, MA 02375

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

PRESSURE BIOSCIENCES, INC. 2013 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

(Full Title of the Plan)

Richard T. Schumacher, President and Chief Executive Officer
Pressure BioSciences, Inc.
14 Norfolk Avenue
South Easton, MA 02375

(Name and Address of Agent For Service)

with a copy to:

Gregg E. Jaclin, Esq., Szaferman Lakind Blumstein & Blader 101 Grovers Mill Road Lawrenceville, NJ 08648

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

			Proposed	
		Proposed	Maximum	
		Maximum	Aggregate	Amount of
Title of Each Class of Securities to be		Offering Price	Offering	Registration
Registered	Amount to be Registered	Per Share(1)	Price(1)	fee
Common Stock, \$.01 par value	3.000.000 (2) shares	\$ 0.32	\$ 960,000	\$ 111.56

- (1) Estimated solely for the purpose of determining the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(h) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), on the basis of the average high and low prices for the Registrant's common stock on the OTC Markets QB on April 20, 2015.
- (2) Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act, this registration statement shall also cover such presently indeterminable number of additional shares of common stock which may become issuable under the Registrant's 2013 Equity Incentive Plan in the event of a merger, consolidation, reorganization, recapitalization, stock dividend, stock split, stock combination, or other similar changes in the common stock.

PART I INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

Item 1. Plan Information.

The documents containing the information specified in this Item 1 will be sent or given to participants as specified by Rule 428(b)(1) under the Securities Act. In accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and the instructions to Form S-8, such documents are not being filed with the SEC either as part of this Registration Statement or as prospectuses or prospectus supplements pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act.

Item 2. Registrant Information and Employee Plan Annual Information.

The documents containing the information specified in this Item 2 will be sent or given to participants as specified by Rule 428(b)(1) under the Securities Act. In accordance with the rules and regulations of the SEC and the instructions to Form S-8, such documents are not being filed with the SEC either as part of this Registration Statement or as prospectuses or prospectus supplements pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. <u>Incorporation of Documents by Reference.</u>

The Registrant hereby incorporates by reference into this registration statement the following documents:

- (a) The Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 (the "Annual Report") filed with SEC on March 31, 2015, filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act").
- (b) Current report on Form 8-K filed on February 11, 2015.
- (c) The description of (i) the Registrant's common stock contained in the Registrant's registration statement on Form 8-A (File No. 000-21615), filed under the Exchange Act with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 26, 1996; and (ii) the Registrant's preferred share purchase rights contained in the Registrant's registration statement on Form 8-A (File No. 000-21615), filed under the Exchange Act with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 12, 2003, including any amendments or reports filed for the purposes of updating such descriptions.

All documents filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, subsequent to the date hereof and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed hereby incorporated by reference in this registration statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this registration statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 5. <u>Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.</u>

Not applicable.

Item 6. <u>Indemnification of Directors and Officers.</u>

The Registrant's Restated Articles of Organization, as amended (the "Articles"), eliminate, subject to certain exceptions, the personal liability of directors to the Registrant or its stockholders for monetary damages for breaches of fiduciary duties as directors. The Articles do not provide for the elimination of or any limitation on the personal liability of a director for (i) any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the Registrant or its stockholders, (ii) acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) certain unauthorized dividends, redemptions, or distributions, (iv) certain loans of the Registrant's assets to any of its officers or directors or (v) any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit. This provision of the Articles will limit the remedies available to a stockholder in the event of breaches of any director's duties to such stockholder or to the Registrant.

The Articles provide that the Registrant may, either in its By-laws or by contract, provide for the indemnification of directors, officers, employees and agents, by whomever elected or appointed, to the full extent permitted by law as the law may be amended from time to time.

The Registrant's Amended and Restated By-laws, as amended, include provisions to permit the indemnification of the Registrant's officers and directors for damages arising out of the performance of their duties unless such damages arise out of the officer's or director's failure to exercise his duties and to discharge the duties of his office in good faith and in the reasonable belief that his action was in, or not opposed to, the best interest of the Registrant, and with respect to any criminal action, do not have reasonable cause to believe that his conduct was unlawful.

The Registrant enters into indemnification agreements with its officers and directors from time to time. The indemnification agreements provide that the Registrant will pay certain amounts incurred by a director or officer in connection with any civil or criminal action or proceeding and specifically including actions by or in the name of the Registrant (derivative suits) where the individual's involvement is by reason of the fact that he is or was a director or officer. Such amounts include, to the maximum extent permitted by law, attorney's fees, judgments, civil or criminal fines, settlement amounts and other expenses customarily incurred in connection with legal proceedings. Under the indemnification agreements, a director or officer will not receive indemnification if he is found not to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that his action was in the best interests of the Registrant.

Item 7. <u>Exemption from Registration Claimed.</u>

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Description
4.1	Registrant's 2013 Equity Incentive Plan.
<u>5.1</u>	Legal Opinion of Szaferman Lakind Blumstein & Blader, PC.
<u>23.1</u>	Consent of Marcum, LLP (Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for the Registrant).
23.2	Consent of Szaferman Lakind Blumstein & Blader, PC (included in its legal opinion filed as Exhibit 5.1 to this registration
	statement).
24.1	Power of Attorney (included on the signature page of this registration statement).

Not filed herewith. In accordance with Rule 411(c) promulgated pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, reference is made to the documents previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which documents are hereby incorporated by reference.

Item 9. <u>Undertakings</u>.

- (a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:
- (1) To file, during any period in which it offers or sells securities, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement to include any additional or changed material information on the plan of distribution.
- (2) For determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), to treat each post-effective amendment as a new registration statement of the securities offered, and the offering of the securities at that time to be the initial *bona fide* offering.
 - (3) To file a post-effective amendment to remove from registration any of the securities that remain unsold at the end of the offering.
- (b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.
- (c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City South Easton, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on the 24th day of April, 2015.

PRESSURE BIOSCIENCES, INC.

By: /s/ Richard T. Schumacher

Richard T. Schumacher
President and Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Richard T. Schumacher and Richard P. Thomley, and each of them (with full power to each of them to act alone), his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any or all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this registration statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of them, or their substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Jeffery N. Peterson Jeffery N. Peterson	Director and Chairman of the Board	April 24, 2015
/s/ Richard P. Thomley Richard P. Thomley	Chief Financial Officer	April 24, 2015
/s/ Richard T. Schumacher Richard T. Schumacher	Director, President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	April 24, 2015
/s/ Kevin A. Pollack Kevin A. Pollack	Director	April 24, 2015
/s/ Vito J. Mangiardi Vito J. Mangiardi	Director	April 24, 2015
/s/ Michael S. Urdea Michael S. Urdea	Director	April 24, 2015
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PRESSURE BIOSCIENCES, INC. 2013 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

1. <u>Purpose and Eligibility.</u> The purpose of this 2013 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan") of Pressure BioSciences, Inc., a Massachusetts corporation (the "Company") is to provide stock options, stock issuances and other equity interests in the Company (each, an "Award") to (a) employees, officers, directors, consultants and advisors of the Company and its Parents and Subsidiaries, and (b) any other Person who is determined by the Board to have made (or is expected to make) contributions to the Company. Any person to whom an Award has been granted under the Plan is called a "Participant." Additional definitions are contained in Section 10.

2. Administration.

- a. Administration by Board of Directors. The Plan will be administered by the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board"). The Board, in its sole discretion, shall have the authority to grant and amend Awards, to adopt, amend and repeal rules relating to the Plan and to interpret and correct the provisions of the Plan and any Award. The Board shall have authority, subject to the express limitations of the Plan, (i) to construe and determine the respective Stock Option Agreement, Awards and the Plan, (ii) to prescribe, amend and rescind rules and regulations relating to the Plan and any Awards, (iii) to determine the terms and provisions of the respective Stock Option Agreements and Awards, which need not be identical, (iv) to initiate an Option Exchange Program, and (v) to make all other determinations in the judgment of the Board of Directors necessary or desirable for the administration and interpretation of the Plan. The Board may correct any defect or supply any omission or reconcile any inconsistency in the Plan or in any Stock Option Agreement or Award in the manner and to the extent it shall deem expedient to carry the Plan, any Stock Option Agreement or Award into effect and it shall be the sole and final judge of such expediency. All decisions by the Board shall be final and binding on all interested persons. Neither the Company nor any member of the Board shall be liable for any action or determination relating to the Plan.
- b. <u>Appointment of Committee</u>. To the extent permitted by applicable law, the Board may delegate any or all of its powers under the Plan to one or more committees or subcommittees of the Board (a "Committee"). All references in the Plan to the "Board" shall mean such Committee or the Board.
- c. <u>Delegation to Executive Officers</u>. To the extent permitted by applicable law, the Board may delegate to one or more executive officers of the Company the power to grant Awards and exercise such other powers under the Plan as the Board may determine, provided that the Board shall fix the maximum number of Awards to be granted and the maximum number of shares issuable to any one Participant pursuant to Awards granted by such executive officers.
- d. <u>Applicability of Section Rule 16b-3</u>. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the foregoing if, or at such time as, the Common Stock is or becomes registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or any successor statute, the Plan shall be administered in a manner consistent with Rule 16b-3 promulgated thereunder, as it may be amended from time to time, or any successor rules ("Rule 16b-3"), such that all subsequent grants of Awards hereunder shall be exempt under such rule. Those provisions of the Plan which make express reference to Rule 16b-3 or which are required in order for certain option transactions to qualify for exemption under Rule 16b-3 shall apply only to such persons as are required to file reports under Section 16 (a) of the Exchange Act (a "Reporting Person").
- e. <u>Applicability of Section 162 (m)</u>. Those provisions of the Plan which are required by or make express reference to Section 162 (m) of the Internal Revenue Code or any regulations thereunder, or any successor section of the Code or regulations thereunder ("Section 162 (m)") shall apply only upon the Company's becoming a company that is subject to Section 162 (m). Notwithstanding any provisions in this Plan to the contrary, whenever the Board is authorized to exercise its discretion in the administration or amendment of this Plan or any Award hereunder or otherwise, the Board may not exercise such discretion in a manner that would cause any outstanding Award that would otherwise qualify as performance-based compensation under Section 162 (m) to fail to so qualify under Section 162 (m).

3 Stock Available for Awards.

- a. <u>Number of Shares</u>. Subject to adjustment under Section 3I, the aggregate number of shares of Common Stock of the Company (the "Common Stock") that may be issued pursuant to the Plan is 3,000,000. If any Award expires, or is terminated, surrendered or forfeited, in whole or in part, the unissued Common Stock covered by such Award shall again be available for the grant of Awards under the Plan. If an Award granted under the Plan shall expire or terminate for any reason without having been exercised in full, the unpurchased shares subject to such Award shall again be available for subsequent Awards under the Plan, and if shares of Common Stock issued pursuant to the Plan are repurchased by, or are surrendered or forfeited to, the Company at no more than cost, such shares of Common Stock shall again be available for the grant of Awards under the Plan. Shares issued under the Plan may consist in whole or in part of authorized but unissued shares or treasury shares.
- b. <u>Per-Participant Limit</u>. Subject to adjustment under Section 3I, no Participant may be granted Awards during any one fiscal year to purchase more than 300,000 shares of Common Stock.
- c. <u>Adjustment to Common Stock</u>. Subject to Section 7, in the event of any stock split, reverse stock split, stock dividend, extraordinary cash dividend, recapitalization, reorganization, merger, consolidation, combination, exchange of shares, liquidation, spin-off, split-up, or other similar change in capitalization or similar event, (i) the number and class of securities available for Awards under the Plan and the per-Participant share limit, (ii) the number and class of securities, vesting schedule and exercise price per share subject to each outstanding Option, (iii) the repurchase price per security subject to repurchase, and (iv) the terms of each other outstanding stock-based Award shall be adjusted by the Company (or substituted Awards may be made if applicable) to the extent the Board shall determine, in good faith, that such an adjustment (or substitution) is appropriate.

Stock Options.

- a. <u>General</u>. The Board may grant options to purchase Common Stock (each, an "Option") and determine the number of shares of Common Stock to be covered by each Option, the exercise price of each Option and the conditions and limitations applicable to the exercise of each Option and the Common Stock issued upon the exercise of each Option, including vesting provisions, repurchase provisions and restrictions relating to applicable federal or state securities laws. Each Option will be evidenced by a Stock Option Agreement, consisting of a Notice of Stock Option Award and a Stock Option Award Agreement (collectively, a "Stock Option Agreement").
- b. <u>Incentive Stock Options</u>. An Option that the Board intends to be an incentive stock option (an "Incentive Stock Option") as defined in Section 422 of the Code, as amended, or any successor statute ("Section 422"), shall be granted only to an employee of the Company and shall be subject to and shall be construed consistently with the requirements of Section 422 and regulations thereunder. The Board and the Company shall have no liability if an Option or any part thereof that is intended to be an Incentive Stock Option does not qualify as such. An Option or any part thereof that does not qualify as an Incentive Stock Option is referred to herein as a "Nonstatutory Stock Option" or "Nonqualified Stock Option."
- c. <u>Dollar Limitation</u>. For so long as the Code shall so provide, Options granted to any employee under the Plan (and any other incentive stock option plans of the Company) which are intended to qualify as Incentive Stock Options shall not qualify as Incentive Stock Options to the extent that such Options, in the aggregate, become exercisable for the first time in any one calendar year for shares of Common Stock with an aggregate fair market value (determined as of the respective date or dates of grant) of more than \$100,000. The amount of Incentive Stock Options which exceed such \$100,000 limitation shall be deemed to be Nonqualified Stock Options. For the purpose of this limitation, unless otherwise required by the Code or regulations of the Internal Revenue Service or determined by the Board, Options shall be taken into account in the order granted, and the Board may designate that portion of any Incentive Stock Option that shall be treated as Nonqualified Option in the event that the provisions of this paragraph apply to a portion of any Option. The designation described in the preceding sentence may be made at such time as the Committee considers appropriate, including after the issuance of the Option or at the time of its exercise.
- d. <u>Exercise Price</u>. The Board shall establish the exercise price (or determine the method by which the exercise price shall be determined) at the time each Option is granted and will specify the exercise price in the applicable Stock Option Agreement. In the case of an Incentive Stock Option granted to a Participant who, at the time of grant of such Option, owns stock representing more than ten percent (10%) of the voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or any parent or subsidiary, then the exercise price shall be no less than 110% of the fair market value of the Common Stock on the date of grant. In the case of a grant of an Incentive Stock Option to any other Participant, the exercise price shall be no less than 100% of the fair market value of the Common Stock on the date of grant.
- e. <u>Duration of Options</u>. Each Option shall be exercisable at such times and subject to such terms and conditions as the Board may specify in the applicable Stock Option Agreement; provided that the term of any Incentive Stock Option may not be more than ten (10) years from the date of grant. In the case of an Incentive Stock Option granted to a Participant who, at the time of grant of such Option, owns stock representing more than ten percent (10%) of the voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or any parent or subsidiary, the term of the Option shall be no longer than five (5) years from the date of grant.
- f. <u>Exercise of Option</u>. Options may be exercised only by delivery to the Company of a written notice of exercise signed by the proper person together with payment in full as specified in Section 4(g) and the Stock Option Agreement for the number of shares for which the Option is exercised.

- g. <u>Payment Upon Exercise</u>. Common Stock purchased upon the exercise of an Option shall be paid for by one or any combination of the following forms of payment as permitted by the Board in its sole and absolute discretion:
- i. by check payable to the order of the Company;
- ii. only if the Common Stock is then publicly traded, by delivery of an irrevocable and unconditional undertaking by a creditworthy broker to deliver promptly to the Company sufficient funds to pay the exercise price, or delivery by the Participant to the Company of a copy of irrevocable and unconditional instructions to a creditworthy broker to deliver promptly to the Company cash or a check sufficient to pay the exercise price;
- iii. to the extent explicitly provided in the applicable Stock Option Agreement, by delivery of shares of Common Stock owned by the Participant valued at fair market value (as determined by the Board or as determined pursuant to the applicable Stock Option Agreement); or
- iv. payment of such other lawful consideration as the Board may determine.

Except as otherwise expressly set forth in an Stock Option Award, the Board shall have no obligation to accept consideration other than cash and in particular, unless the Board so expressly provides, in no event will the Company accept the delivery of shares of Common Stock that have not been owned by the participant at least six months prior to the exercise. The fair market value of any shares of the Company's Common Stock or other non-cash consideration which may be delivered upon exercise of an Option shall be determined in such manner as may be prescribed by the Board.

- h. <u>Acceleration, Extension, Etc.</u> The Board may, in its sole discretion, and in all instances subject to any relevant tax and accounting considerations which may adversely impact or impair the Company, (i) accelerate the date or dates on which all or any particular Options or Awards granted under the Plan MAY be exercised, or (ii) extend the dates during which all or any particular Options or Awards granted under the Plan may be exercised or vest.
- i. <u>Determination of Fair Market Value</u>. If, at the time an Option is granted under the Plan, the Company's Common Stock is publicly traded under the Exchange Act, "fair market value" shall mean (i) if the Common Stock is listed on any established stock exchange or a national market system, including without limitation the Nasdaq National Market or The Nasdaq Small Cap Market of The Nasdaq Stock Market, its fair market value shall be the last reported sales price for such stock (on that date) or the closing bid, if no sales were reported as quoted on such exchange or system as reported in *The Wall Street Journal* or such other source as the Board deems reliable; or (ii) the average of the closing bid and asked prices last quoted (on that date) by an established quotation service for over-the-counter securities, if the Common Stock is not reported on a national market system. In the absence of an established market for the Common Stock, the fair market value thereof shall be determined in good faith by the Board after taking into consideration all factors which it deems appropriate.

5. <u>Restricted Stock</u>.

- a. <u>Grants</u>. The Board may grant Awards entitling recipients to acquire shares of Common Stock, subject to (i) delivery to the Company by the Participant of a check in an amount at least equal to the par value of the shares purchased, and (ii) the right of the Company to repurchase all or part of such shares at their issue price or other stated or formula price from the Participant in the event that conditions specified by the Board in the applicable Award are not satisfied prior to the end of the applicable restriction period or periods established by the Board for such Award (each, a "Restricted Stock Award").
- b. <u>Terms and Conditions</u>. The Board shall determine the terms and conditions of any such Restricted Stock Award. Any stock certificates issued in respect of a Restricted Stock Award shall be registered in the name of the Participant and, unless otherwise determined by the Board, deposited by the Participant, together with a stock power endorsed in blank, with the Company (or its designee). After the expiration of the applicable restriction periods, the Company (or such designee) shall deliver the certificates no longer subject to such restrictions to the Participant or, if the Participant has died, to the beneficiary designated by a Participant, in a manner determined by the Board, to receive amounts due or exercise rights of the Participant in the event of the Participant's death (the "Designated Beneficiary"). In the absence of an effective designation by a Participant, Designated Beneficiary shall mean the Participant's estate.

6. Other Stock-Based Awards. The Board shall have the right to grant other Awards based upon the Common Stock having such terms and conditions as the Board may determine, including, without limitation, the grant of shares based upon certain conditions, the grant of securities convertible into Common Stock and the grant of stock appreciation rights, phantom stock awards or stock units.

7. General Provisions Applicable to Awards.

- a. <u>Transferability of Awards</u>. Except as the Board may otherwise determine or provide in an Award, Awards shall not be sold, assigned, transferred, pledged or otherwise encumbered by the person to whom they are granted, either voluntarily or by operation of law, except by will or the laws of descent and distribution, and, during the life of the Participant, shall be exercisable only by the Participant; provided, however, that Nonstatutory Options may be transferred pursuant to a qualified domestic relations order (as defined in Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended) or to a grantor-retained annuity trust or a similar estate-planning vehicle in which the trust is bound by all provisions of the Option which are applicable to the optionee. References to a Participant, to the extent relevant in the context, shall include references to authorized transferees.
- b. <u>Documentation</u>. Each Award under the Plan shall be evidenced by a written instrument in such form as the Board shall determine or as executed by an officer of the Company pursuant to authority delegated by the Board. Each Award may contain terms and conditions in addition to those set forth in the Plan, provided that such terms and conditions do not contravene the provisions of the Plan or applicable law.
- c. Board Discretion. The terms of each type of Award need not be identical, and the Board need not treat Participants uniformly.
- d. <u>Additional Award Provisions</u>. The Board may, in its sole discretion, include additional provisions in any Stock Option Agreement or other Award granted under the Plan, including without limitation restrictions on transfer, repurchase rights, commitments to pay cash bonuses, to make, arrange for or guaranty loans or to transfer other property to Participants upon exercise of Awards, or transfer other property to Participants upon exercise of Options, or such other provisions as shall be determined by the Board; provided that such additional provisions shall not be inconsistent with any other term or condition of the Plan or applicable law.
- e. <u>Termination of Status</u>. The Board shall determine the effect on an Award of the disability (as defined in Code Section 22(e)(3)), death, retirement, authorized leave of absence or other change in the employment or other status of a Participant and the extent to which, and the period during which, the Participant, or the Participant's legal representative, conservator, guardian or Designated Beneficiary, may exercise rights under the Award, subject to applicable law and the provisions of the Code related to Incentive Stock Options.

f. Acquisition of the Company.

- i. Unless otherwise expressly provided in the applicable Stock Option Agreement or Award, upon the occurrence of an Acquisition (as defined below), the Board shall, in its sole discretion as to outstanding Awards (on the same basis or on different bases, as the Board shall specify), take one or more of the following actions:
- A. make appropriate provision for the continuation of such Awards by the Company or the assumption of such Awards by the surviving or acquiring entity and by substituting on an equitable basis for the shares then subject to such Awards either (x) the consideration payable with respect to the outstanding shares of Common Stock in connection with the Acquisition, (y) shares of stock of the surviving or acquiring corporation or (z) such other securities as the Board deems appropriate, the fair market value of which (as determined by the Board in its sole discretion) shall not materially differ from the fair market value of the shares of Common Stock subject to such Awards immediately preceding the Acquisition;
- B. accelerate the date of exercise or vesting of such Awards or of any installment of any such Awards;
- C. permit the exchange of all Awards for the right to participate in any stock option or other employee benefit plan of any successor corporation; or
- D. provide for the termination of any such Awards immediately prior to the consummation of the Acquisition; provided that no such termination will be effective if the Acquisition is not consummated.

- g. <u>Acquisition Defined</u>. An "Acquisition" shall mean: (i) any merger, business combination, consolidation or purchase of outstanding capital stock of the Company after which the voting securities of the Company outstanding immediately prior thereto represent (either by remaining outstanding or by being converted into voting securities of the surviving or acquiring entity) less than 50% of the combined voting power of the voting securities of the Company or such surviving or acquiring entity outstanding immediately after such event (other than as a result of a financing transaction); or any sale of all or substantially all of the capital stock or assets of the Company (other than in a spin-off or similar transaction).
- h. <u>Dissolution or Liquidation</u>. In the event of the proposed dissolution or liquidation of the Company, the Board shall notify each Participant as soon as practicable prior to the effective date of such proposed transaction. The Board in its sole discretion may provide for a Participant to have the right to exercise his or her Award until fifteen (15) days prior to such transaction as to all of the Common Stock covered by the Option or Award, including shares as to which the Option or Award would not otherwise be exercisable, which exercise may in the sole discretion of the Board, be made subject to and conditioned upon the consummation of such proposed transaction. In addition, the Board may provide that any Company repurchase option applicable to any Common Stock purchased upon exercise of an Option or Award shall lapse as to all such Common Stock, provided the proposed dissolution and liquidation takes place at the time and in the manner contemplated. To the extent it has not been previously exercised, an Award will terminate upon the consummation of such proposed action.

 Assumption of Options Upon Certain Events. In connection with a merger or consolidation of an entity with the Company or the requisition by the Company of proporty or stock of an option, we great Awards under the Plan in substitution for stock and stock.
- i. <u>Assumption of Options Upon Certain Events</u>. In connection with a merger or consolidation of an entity with the Company or the acquisition by the Company of property or stock of an entity, the Board may grant Awards under the Plan in substitution for stock and stockbased awards issued by such entity or an affiliate thereof. The substitute Awards shall be granted on such terms and conditions as the Board considers appropriate in the circumstances.
- j. Parachute Payments and Parachute Awards. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 7(f), if, in connection with an Acquisition described therein, a tax under Section 4999 of the Code would be imposed on the Participant (after taking into account the exceptions set forth in Sections 280G(b)(4) and 280G(b)(5) of the Code), then the number of Awards which shall become exercisable, realizable or vested as provided in such section shall be reduced (or delayed), to the minimum extent necessary, so that no such tax would be imposed on the Participant (the Awards not becoming so accelerated, realizable or vested, the "Parachute Awards"); provided, however, that if the "aggregate present value" of the Parachute Awards would exceed the tax that, but for this sentence, would be imposed on the Participant under Section 4999 of the Code in connection with the Acquisition, then the Awards shall become immediately exercisable, realizable and vested without regard to the provisions of this sentence. For purposes of the preceding sentence, the "aggregate present value" of an Award shall be calculated on an after-tax basis (other than taxes imposed by Section 4999 of the Code) and shall be based on economic principles rather than the principles set forth under Section 280G of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder. All determinations required to be made under this Section 7(j) shall be made by the Company.
- k. <u>Amendment of Awards</u>. The Board may amend, modify or terminate any outstanding Award including, but not limited to, substituting therefore another Award of the same or a different type, changing the date of exercise or realization, and converting an Incentive Stock Option to a Nonstatutory Stock Option, provided that the Participant's consent to such action shall be required unless the Board determines that the action, taking into account any related action, would not materially and adversely affect the Participant.
- l. <u>Conditions on Delivery of Stock.</u> The Company will not be obligated to deliver any shares of Common Stock pursuant to the Plan or to remove restrictions from shares previously delivered under the Plan until (i) all conditions of the Award have been met or removed to the satisfaction of the Company, (ii) in the opinion of the Company's counsel, all other legal matters in connection with the issuance and delivery of such shares have been satisfied, including any applicable securities laws and any applicable stock exchange or stock market rules and regulations, and (iii) the Participant has executed and delivered to the Company such representations or agreements as the Company may consider appropriate to satisfy the requirements of any applicable laws, rules or regulations.
- m. <u>Acceleration</u>. The Board may at any time provide that any Options shall become immediately exercisable in full or in part, that any Restricted Stock Awards shall be free of some or all restrictions, or that any other stock-based Awards may become exercisable in full or in part or free of some or all restrictions or conditions, or otherwise realizable in full or in part, as the case may be, despite the fact that the foregoing actions may (i) cause the application of Sections 280G and 4999 of the Code if a change in control of the Company occurs, or (ii) disqualify all or part of the Option as an Incentive Stock Option.
- 8. Withholding. The Company shall have the right to deduct from payments of any kind otherwise due to the optionee or recipient of an Award any federal, state or local taxes of any kind required by law to be withheld with respect to any shares issued upon exercise of Options under the Plan or the purchase of shares subject to the Award. Subject to the prior approval of the Company, which may be withheld by the Company in its sole discretion, the optionee or recipient of an Award may elect to satisfy such obligation, in whole or in part, (a) by causing the Company to withhold shares of Common Stock otherwise issuable pursuant to the exercise of an Option or the purchase of shares subject to an Award or (b) by delivering to the Company shares of Common Stock already owned by the optionee or Award recipient. The shares so delivered or withheld shall have a fair market value of the shares used to satisfy such withholding obligation as shall be determined by the Company as of the date that the amount of tax to be withheld is to be determined. An optionee or Award recipient who has made an election pursuant to this Section may only satisfy his or her withholding obligation with shares of Common Stock which are not subject to any repurchase, forfeiture, unfulfilled vesting or other similar requirements.
- 9. No Exercise of Option if Engagement or Employment Terminated for Cause. If the employment or engagement of any Participant is terminated "for Cause," the Award may terminate, upon a determination of the Board, on the date of such termination and the Option shall thereupon not be exercisable to any extent whatsoever. For purposes of this Section 9, "for Cause" shall be defined as follows: (i) if the Participant has executed an employment agreement, the definition of "cause" contained therein, if any, shall govern, or (ii) conduct, as determined by the Board of Directors, involving one or more of the following: (a) gross misconduct or inadequate performance by the Participant which is injurious to the Company; or (b) the commission of an act of embezzlement, fraud or theft, which results in economic loss, damage or injury to the Company; or (c) the unauthorized disclosure of any trade secret or confidential information of the Company (or any client, customer, supplier or other third party who has a business relationship with the Company) or the violation of any noncompetition or nonsolicitation covenant or assignment of inventions obligation with the Company; or (d) the commission of an act which constitutes unfair competition with the Company or which induces any customer or prospective customer of the Company to break a contract with the

Company or to decline to do business with the Company; or (e) the indictment of the Participant for a felony serious misdemeanor offense, either in connection with the performance of his obligations to the Company or which shall adversely affect the Participant's ability to perform such obligations; or (f) the commission of an act of fraud or breach of fiduciary duty which results in loss, damage or injury to the Company; or (g) the failure of the Participant to perform in a material respect his or her employment obligations without proper cause. In making such determination, the Board shall act fairly and in utmost good faith. The Board may in its discretion waive or modify the provisions of this Section at a meeting of the Board with respect to any individual Participant with regard to the facts and circumstances of any particular situation involving a determination under this Section.

10. Miscellaneous.

a. <u>Definitions</u>.

- i. "Company," for purposes of eligibility under the Plan, shall include any present or future subsidiary corporations of Pressure BioSciences, Inc., as defined in Section 424(f) of the Code (a "Subsidiary"), and any present or future parent corporation of Pressure BioSciences, Inc., as defined in Section 424(e) of the Code. For purposes of Awards other than Incentive Stock Options, the term "Company" shall include any other business venture in which the Company has a direct or indirect significant interest, as determined by the Board in its sole discretion.
- ii. "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and any regulations promulgated thereunder.
- iii. "Employee" for purposes of eligibility under the Plan shall include a person to whom an offer of employment has been extended by the Company.
- iv. "Option Exchange Program" means a program whereby outstanding options are exchanged for options with a lower exercise price.
- b. No Right To Employment or Other Status. No person shall have any claim or right to be granted an Award, and the grant of an Award shall not be construed as giving a Participant the right to continued employment or any other relationship with the Company. The Company expressly reserves the right at any time to dismiss or otherwise terminate its relationship with a Participant free from any liability or claim under the Plan.
- c. <u>No Rights As Stockholder</u>. Subject to the provisions of the applicable Award, no Participant or Designated Beneficiary shall have any rights as a stockholder with respect to any shares of Common Stock to be distributed with respect to an Award until becoming the record holder thereof.
- d. <u>Effective Date and Term of Plan</u>. The Plan shall become effective on the date on which it is adopted by the Board. No Awards shall be granted under the Plan after the completion of ten years from the date on which the Plan was adopted by the Board, but Awards previously granted may extend beyond that date.
- e. <u>Amendment of Plan</u>. The Board may amend, suspend or terminate the Plan or any portion thereof at any time.
- f. Governing Law. The provisions of the Plan and all Awards made hereunder shall be governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the state of incorporation of the Company (The Commonwealth of Massachusetts), without regard to any applicable conflicts of law.

Approvals:

Adopted by the Board of Directors on: November 7, 2013 Approved by the Stockholders on: December 12, 2013



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April 24, 2015

Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street N.E. Washington, DC 20549

Re: Pressure Biosciences, Inc.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Pressure Biosciences, Inc. a Massachusetts corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") relating to the registration of the offer and sale of up to 3,000,000 shares (the "Shares") of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), issuable pursuant to the terms and in the manner set forth in the Pressure Biosciences, Inc. 2013 Equity Incentive Award Plan (the "Plan").

In order to render our opinion, we have examined the following documents identified and authenticated to our satisfaction:

- a) the Registration Statement which includes the Plan;
- b) the certificate of an Officer of the Company dated on even date herewith (the "Officer's Certificate");
- c) the Articles of Organization of the Company dated August 15, 1978 and all relevant amendments (the together, the "Articles");
- d) a Board of Directors resolution approving the registration of the Shares on the Registration Statement;
- e) Shareholder approval of the Plan as evidenced by a Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 18, 2013, and
- f) a certificate of good standing of the Company issued by the Secretary of State of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts dated April 16, 2015.

In rendering this opinion, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures on all documents examined by us, the due authority of the parties signing such documents, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to the originals of all documents submitted to us as copies and that the offer and sale of the Shares complies in all respects with the terms, conditions and restrictions set forth in the Registration Statement and the Plan. As to any facts material to this opinion that we did not independently establish or verify, we have relied upon oral or written statements and representations of officers and other representatives of the Company and others.

Based upon the foregoing and subject to the assumptions, qualifications and limitations set forth herein, it is our opinion that the Shares have been duly authorized and, upon issuance and payment therefor in accordance with the terms of the Plan and the agreements or certificates issued thereunder, will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

The foregoing opinion is based upon and limited to Massachusetts law as currently in effect, and we express no opinion as to the effect of any other law of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the laws, statutes, regulations or ordinances of any other jurisdiction.

We hereby consent to the use of this opinion as Exhibit 5.1 to said Registration Statement. In giving such consent, we do not admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission promulgated thereunder.

Very truly yours,

Szaferman, Lakind, Blumstein & Blader, PC

By:/s/ Gregg E. Jaclin Gregg E. Jaclin For the firm

INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM'S CONSENT

We consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement of Pressure Biosciences, Inc. and Subsidiary on Form S-8 of our report dated March 31, 2015, which includes an explanatory paragraph as to the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, with respect to our audits of the consolidated financial statements of Pressure Biosciences, Inc. and Subsidiary as of December 31, 2014 and 2013 and for the years then ended appearing in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Pressure BioSciences, Inc. and Subsidiary for the year ended December 31, 2014.

/s/ Marcum llp

Marcum llp Boston, Massachusetts

April 24, 2015