

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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): **October 29, 2018**

Blueprint Medicines Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-37359
(Commission File Number)

26-3632015
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

45 Sidney Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts
(Address of principal executive offices)

02139
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(617) 374-7580**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

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 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Appointment of Chief Commercial Officer

Effective October 29, 2018, Blueprint Medicines Corporation (the “Company”) appointed Christina Rossi as Chief Commercial Officer of the Company and entered into an employment agreement with Ms. Rossi that provides for “at will” employment.

Prior to joining the Company, Ms. Rossi, age 43, served as the Multiple Sclerosis (“MS”) Business Unit Head, North America, at Sanofi Genzyme from January 2015 to October 2018. In this role, she was responsible for all aspects of the financial performance of Sanofi Genzyme’s MS franchise and increased market share for existing products, led the launch of new therapies and optimized operations to accelerate patient access. Previously, Ms. Rossi served as Vice President, MS Sales at Sanofi Genzyme from May 2014 to December 2015 and Vice President, MS Patient and Provider Services at Sanofi Genzyme from June 2012 to May 2014. Prior to joining Sanofi Genzyme, Ms. Rossi served in various roles at Biogen, Inc., including Head, Commercial Strategy for Eidetica Biopharma GmbH, Biogen’s biosimilar-focused venture, and U.S. Brand Leader for TYSABRI® (natalizumab). In addition, Ms. Rossi consulted in the healthcare practice at the Boston Consulting Group. Ms. Rossi holds a B.S. in biology, *cum laude*, from Duke University and an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School.

Pursuant to the terms of her employment agreement, Ms. Rossi is entitled to an annual base salary of \$390,000 and will receive an initial sign-on bonus of \$100,000 upon the commencement of her employment with the Company. Ms. Rossi is also eligible for an annual performance bonus targeted at 40% of her base salary. For the year ended 2018, Ms. Rossi will be eligible to receive a pro-rated bonus based upon the period of time she was employed by the Company. Pursuant to the terms of her employment agreement, effective November 1, 2018, Ms. Rossi will also be granted (i) a stock option to purchase 80,000 shares of the Company’s common stock at an exercise price per share equal to the closing price of the Company’s common stock on the date of grant and (ii) 4,500 restricted stock units. Each restricted stock unit will entitle Ms. Rossi to one share of the Company’s common stock if and then the restricted stock unit vests. The stock option will have a ten-year term and will vest as to 25% of the shares underlying the stock option on the first anniversary of the date of grant and as to an additional 1/48th of the shares underlying the stock option monthly thereafter, subject to Ms. Rossi’s continued full employment with the Company through each applicable vesting date. The restricted stock unit award will vest in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant, subject to Ms. Rossi’s continued full employment with the Company through each applicable vesting date. Ms. Rossi is eligible to participate in the employee benefit plans generally available to full-time employees, subject to the terms of those plans.

Pursuant to the terms of her employment agreement, if Ms. Rossi’s employment is terminated by the Company without cause (as defined in her employment agreement) or by Ms. Rossi for good reason (as defined in her employment agreement), and subject to Ms. Rossi’s execution of a release of potential claims against the Company, Ms. Rossi will be entitled to receive: (i) a lump sum in cash in an amount equal to 12 months of base salary and (ii) a monthly cash payment for 12 months for medical and dental benefits or Ms. Rossi’s COBRA health continuation period, whichever ends earlier. However, in the event that Ms. Rossi’s employment is terminated by the Company without cause, or Ms. Rossi terminates her employment with the Company for good reason, in either case within 12 months following the occurrence of a sale event (as defined in her employment agreement), in lieu of the severance payments and benefits described in the preceding sentence and subject to Ms. Rossi’s execution of a release of potential claims against the Company, Ms. Rossi will be entitled to receive: (i) a lump sum in cash in an amount equal to the sum of 12 months of Ms. Rossi’s base salary then in effect plus Ms. Rossi’s target annual incentive compensation for the year in which the termination occurs, (ii) a monthly cash payment for 12 months for medical and dental benefits or Ms. Rossi’s COBRA health continuation period, whichever ends earlier, and (iii) full and immediate vesting and exercisability of all time-based stock options and other time-based stock-based awards held by Ms. Rossi.

In connection with Ms. Rossi’s appointment as Chief Commercial Officer, Ms. Rossi entered into the Company’s standard form of indemnification agreement, a copy of which was filed as Exhibit 10.12 to the Company’s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-202938) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on

March 23, 2015. Pursuant to the terms of the indemnification agreement, the Company may be required, among other things, to indemnify Ms. Rossi for some expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and settlement amounts incurred by her in any action or proceeding arising out of her service as one of our officers. Ms. Rossi has also previously entered into a confidentiality, assignment and non-competition agreement that contains, among other things, non-competition and non-solicitation provisions that apply during the term of Ms. Rossi's employment and for 12 months thereafter.

Ms. Rossi has no family relationship with any of the executive officers or directors of the Company. There are no arrangements or understandings between Ms. Rossi and any other person pursuant to which she was appointed as an officer of the Company.

The foregoing description of the employment agreement with Ms. Rossi is qualified in its entirety by reference to the complete text of such agreement, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. A copy of the Company's press release announcing Ms. Rossi's appointment as Chief Commercial Officer is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
10.1	Employment Agreement, effective October 29, 2018, by and between Blueprint Medicines Corporation and Christina Rossi
99.1	Press release issued by Blueprint Medicines Corporation on October 29, 2018

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BLUEPRINT MEDICINES CORPORATION

Date: October 29, 2018

By: /s/ Tracey L. McCain

Tracey L. McCain
Chief Legal Officer

EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

This Employment Agreement (“Agreement”) is between Blueprint Medicines Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), and Christina Rossi (the “Executive”) and is effective on the first date of the Executive’s employment with the Company (the “Start Date”).

WHEREAS, the Company desires to employ the Executive and the Executive desires to be employed by the Company on the terms and conditions contained herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the parties agree as follows:

1. Employment.

(a) Term. The term of this Agreement shall commence on the Start Date and continue until terminated in accordance with the provisions of Section 3 (the “Term”). The Company and Executive anticipate that the Start Date will be October 29, 2018. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, the Executive’s employment with the Company will be “at will,” meaning that the Executive’s employment may be terminated by the Company or the Executive at any time and for any reason, subject to the terms of this Agreement.

(b) Position and Duties. During the Term, the Executive shall serve as the Chief Commercial Officer of the Company, and shall have such duties as are consistent with such position. The Executive shall report to the Chief Executive Officer of the Company (the “CEO”) or another authorized executive. The Executive shall devote her full working time and efforts to the business and affairs of the Company. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Executive may serve on other boards of directors, with the approval of the Board of Directors of the Company (the “Board”), or engage in religious, charitable or other activities as long as such services and activities are approved by the Board and do not materially interfere with the Executive’s performance of her duties to the Company as provided in this Agreement.

2. Compensation and Related Matters.

(a) Base Salary. During the Term, the Executive’s annual base salary shall be \$390,000.00. The Executive’s base salary shall be re-determined annually by the Board or the Compensation Committee of the Board and shall be subject to increase but not decrease while Executive is serving in the Chief Commercial Officer role. The annual base salary in effect at any given time is referred to herein as “Base Salary.” The Base Salary shall be payable in a manner that is consistent with the Company’s usual payroll practices for senior executives.

(b) Sign On Bonus. Executive shall receive a one-time sign on bonus of \$100,000.00 (the “Sign On Bonus”). This payment shall be subject to legally required tax withholdings. Executive agrees that if she terminates her employment within 12 months of the Effective Date, for any reason, and regardless of whether Executive has Good Reason (as defined in this Agreement) to terminate her employment, Executive shall repay the entire Sign On Bonus in accordance with the Company’s policies then in effect concerning such bonuses.

(c) Equity. In connection with the commencement of the Executive's employment, subject to the approval of the Board or the Compensation Committee of the Board, the Executive shall be granted (i) a stock option to purchase 80,000 shares of the Company's common stock (the "Stock Option Award") at an exercise price per share equal to the closing price of the Company's common stock on the Nasdaq Global Select Market on the date of grant (or, or if no closing market price is reported for such date, the closing market price on the immediately preceding date for which a closing market price is reported) and (ii) 4,500 restricted stock units (the "RSU Award"). Subject to the approval by the Board or the Compensation Committee of the Board, the date of grant for the Stock Option Award and RSU Award is anticipated to be the first day of the month after the Effective Date. Each restricted stock unit will entitle the Executive to one share of the Company's common stock if and when the restricted stock unit vests. The Stock Option Award will vest with respect to 25% of the shares of Company common stock underlying the Stock Option Award on the first anniversary of the date of grant (the "Vesting Commencement Date"), and the remaining 75% of the shares of Company common stock underlying the Stock Option Award shall vest in 36 equal monthly installments following the Vesting Commencement Date, subject to the Executive's continued full-time employment with the Company through each applicable vesting date. The RSU Award shall vest in four equal annual installments following the Vesting Commencement Date, subject to the Executive's continued full-time employment with the Company through each applicable vesting date. The Stock Option Award and the RSU Award will each be subject to all terms and conditions and other provisions set forth in the Company's 2015 Stock Option and Incentive Plan (as amended and/or restated from time to time) and a separate agreement for the Stock Option Award and for the RSU Award, which the Executive will be required to sign as a condition to receiving the Stock Option Award and RSU Award (collectively the "Equity Documents"). The Executive may also be eligible to receive future equity awards, in the sole discretion of the Board or the Compensation Committee of the Board.

(d) Incentive Compensation. During the Term, the Executive shall be eligible to receive cash incentive compensation as determined by the Board or the Compensation Committee of the Board from time to time. Executive's target annual incentive compensation shall be 40% of her Base Salary (the "Target Incentive Compensation"). The Board shall weigh its bonus determination as follows: 75% on Company performance and 25% on Executive's individual performance. To earn incentive compensation, the Executive must be employed by the Company on the day such incentive compensation is paid. For the year 2018, the Executive shall be eligible to receive a pro-rated bonus based upon the period of time Executive is employed at the Company during the 2018 calendar year.

(e) Expenses. The Executive shall be entitled to receive prompt reimbursement for all reasonable expenses incurred by the Executive during the Term in performing services hereunder, in accordance with the policies and procedures then in effect and established by the Company for its senior executive officers.

(f) Other Benefits. During the Term, the Executive shall be eligible to participate in or receive benefits under the Company's employee benefit plans in effect from time to time, subject to the terms of such plans.

(g) Vacations. During the Term, the Executive shall be entitled to accrue paid vacation in accordance with the Company's applicable policy.

3. Termination. During the Term, the Executive's employment hereunder may be terminated without any breach of this Agreement under the following circumstances:

(a) Death. The Executive's employment hereunder shall terminate upon her death.

(b) Disability. The Company may terminate the Executive's employment if she is disabled and unable to perform the essential functions of the Executive's then existing position or positions under this Agreement with or without reasonable accommodation for a period of 180 days (which need not be consecutive) in any 12-month period. If any question shall arise as to whether during any period the Executive is disabled so as to be unable to perform the essential functions of the Executive's then-existing position or positions with or without reasonable accommodation, the Executive may, and at the request of the Company shall, submit to the Company a certification in reasonable detail by a physician selected by the Company to whom the Executive or the Executive's guardian has no reasonable objection as to whether the Executive is so disabled or how long such disability is expected to continue, and such certification shall for the purposes of this Agreement be conclusive of the issue. The Executive shall cooperate with any reasonable request of the physician in connection with such certification. If such question shall arise and the Executive shall fail to submit such certification, the Company's determination of such issue shall be binding on the Executive. Nothing in this Section 3(b) shall be construed to waive the Executive's rights, if any, under existing law including, without limitation, the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, 29 U.S.C. §2601 *et seq.* and the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. §12101 *et seq.*

(c) Termination by Company for Cause. The Company may terminate the Executive's employment hereunder for Cause. For purposes of this Agreement, "Cause" shall mean: (i) conduct by the Executive constituting a material act of misconduct in connection with the performance of her duties, including, without limitation, misappropriation of funds or property of the Company or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates other than the occasional, customary and de minimis use of Company property for personal purposes; (ii) the commission by the Executive of any felony or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, deceit, dishonesty or fraud, or any conduct by the Executive that would reasonably be expected to result in material injury or reputational harm to the Company or any of its subsidiaries and affiliates if she were retained in her position; (iii) continued non-performance by the Executive of her duties hereunder (other than by reason of the Executive's physical or mental illness, incapacity or disability) which has continued for more than 30 days following written notice of such non-performance from the CEO; (iv) a material breach by the Executive of any of the provisions contained in Section 7 of this Agreement; (v) a material violation by the Executive of the Company's written employment policies; or (vi) failure to cooperate with a bona fide internal investigation or an investigation by regulatory or law enforcement authorities, after being instructed by the Company to cooperate, or the willful destruction or failure to preserve documents or other materials known to be relevant to such investigation or the inducement of

others to fail to cooperate or to produce documents or other materials in connection with such investigation.

(d) Termination by the Company Without Cause. The Company may terminate the Executive's employment at any time without Cause. Any termination by the Company of the Executive's employment under this Agreement which does not constitute a termination for Cause under Section 3(c) and does not result from the death or disability of the Executive under Section 3(a) or (b) shall be deemed a termination by the Company without Cause.

(e) Termination by the Executive. The Executive may terminate her employment hereunder at any time for any reason, including but not limited to Good Reason. For purposes of this Agreement, "Good Reason" shall mean that the Executive has complied with the "Good Reason Process" (hereinafter defined) following the occurrence of any of the following events without the Executive's express written consent: (i) a material diminution in the Executive's responsibilities, authority or duties without the Executive's consent; (ii) a material diminution in the Executive's Base Salary and/or Target Incentive Compensation without the Executive's consent (unless such diminution is in connection with a proportional reduction in compensation to all or substantially all of the Company's employees); (iii) a material change of more than 50 miles in the geographic location at which the Executive provides services to the Company; or (iv) the material breach of this Agreement by the Company. "Good Reason Process" shall mean that (i) the Executive reasonably determines in good faith that a "Good Reason" condition has occurred; (ii) the Executive notifies the Company in writing of the first occurrence of the Good Reason condition within 60 days of the first occurrence of such condition; (iii) the Executive cooperates in good faith with the Company's efforts, for a period not less than 30 days following such notice (the "Cure Period") to remedy the condition; (iv) notwithstanding such efforts, the Good Reason condition continues to exist; and (v) the Executive terminates her employment within 60 days after the end of the Cure Period. If the Company cures the Good Reason condition during the Cure Period, Good Reason shall be deemed not to have occurred.

(f) Notice of Termination. Except for termination as specified in Section 3(a), any termination of the Executive's employment by the Company or any such termination by the Executive shall be communicated by written Notice of Termination to the other party hereto. For purposes of this Agreement, a "Notice of Termination" shall mean a notice which shall indicate the specific termination provision in this Agreement relied upon.

(g) Date of Termination. "Date of Termination" shall mean: (i) if the Executive's employment is terminated by her death, the date of her death; (ii) if the Executive's employment is terminated on account of disability under Section 3(b) or by the Company for Cause under Section 3(c), the date on which Notice of Termination is given; (iii) if the Executive's employment is terminated by the Company under Section 3(d), the date on which a Notice of Termination is given; (iv) if the Executive's employment is terminated by the Executive under Section 3(e) without Good Reason, 30 days after the date on which a Notice of Termination is given, and (v) if the Executive's employment is terminated by the Executive under Section 3(e) with Good Reason, the date on which a Notice of Termination is given after

the end of the Cure Period. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that the Executive gives a Notice of Termination to the Company, the Company may unilaterally accelerate the Date of Termination and such acceleration shall not result in a termination by the Company for purposes of this Agreement.

4. Compensation Upon Termination.

(a) Termination Generally. If the Executive's employment with the Company is terminated for any reason, the Company shall pay or provide to the Executive (or to her authorized representative or estate) (i) any Base Salary earned through the Date of Termination, unpaid expense reimbursements (subject to, and in accordance with, Section 2(d) of this Agreement) and unused vacation that accrued through the Date of Termination on or before the time required by law but in no event more than 30 days after the Executive's Date of Termination; and (ii) any vested benefits the Executive may have under any employee benefit plan of the Company through the Date of Termination, which vested benefits shall be paid and/or provided in accordance with the terms of such employee benefit plans (collectively, the "Accrued Benefit").

(b) Termination by the Company Without Cause or by the Executive with Good Reason. During the Term, if the Executive's employment is terminated by the Company without Cause as provided in Section 3(d), or the Executive terminates her employment for Good Reason as provided in Section 3(e), then the Company shall pay the Executive her Accrued Benefit. In addition, subject to the Executive signing a separation agreement containing, among other provisions, a general release of claims in favor of the Company and related persons and entities, confidentiality, return of property and non-disparagement, and a noncompetition agreement with terms substantially similar to the Restrictive Covenants Agreement, such separation agreement to be in a form and manner satisfactory to the Company (the "Separation Agreement and Release") and the Separation Agreement and Release becoming irrevocable, all within 60 days after the Date of Termination:

(i) the Company shall pay the Executive an amount equal to one (1) times the Executive's Base Salary (the "Severance Amount") provided in the event the Executive is entitled to any payments pursuant to the Restrictive Covenants Agreement, the Severance Amount will be reduced by the amount the Executive is paid pursuant to the Restrictive Covenants Agreement (the "Restrictive Covenants Agreement Setoff"); and

(ii) if the Executive was participating in the Company's group health plan immediately prior to the Date of Termination and elects COBRA health continuation, then the Company shall pay to the Executive a monthly cash payment for twelve (12) months or the Executive's COBRA health continuation period, whichever ends earlier, in an amount equal to the monthly employer contribution that the Company would have made to provide health insurance to the Executive if the Executive had remained employed by the Company.

The amounts payable under this Section 4(b) shall be paid out in substantially equal installments in accordance with the Company's payroll practice over twelve (12) months commencing within 60 days after the Date of Termination; provided, however, that if the 60-day period begins in one calendar year and ends in a second calendar year, the Severance Amount shall begin to be paid in the second calendar year by the last day of such 60-day period; provided, further, that the initial payment shall include a catch-up payment to cover amounts retroactive to the day immediately following the Date of Termination. Each payment pursuant to this Agreement is intended to constitute a separate payment for purposes of Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-2(b)(2).

The receipt of any severance payments or benefits pursuant to Section 4 will be subject to Executive not violating the Restrictive Covenants Agreement, the terms of which are hereby incorporated by reference. In the event Executive breaches any of the provisions contained in Section 7 of this Agreement, including any breach of the Restrictive Covenants Agreement, in addition to all other legal and equitable remedies, the Company shall have the right to terminate or suspend all continuing payments and benefits to which Executive may otherwise be entitled pursuant to Section 4 (including without limitation the Severance Amount) without affecting the Executive's release or Executive's obligations under the Separation Agreement and Release.

5. Sale Event Payment. These provisions are intended to assure and encourage in advance the Executive's continued attention and dedication to her assigned duties and her objectivity during the pendency and after the occurrence of any Sale Event (as defined below). These provisions shall apply in lieu of, and expressly supersede, the provisions of Section 4(b) regarding severance pay and benefits upon a termination of employment, if the Date of Termination occurs within twelve (12) months after the occurrence of the first event constituting a Sale Event. These provisions shall terminate and be of no further force or effect beginning twelve (12) months after the occurrence of a Sale Event.

(a) Sale Event. During the Term, if within twelve (12) months after a Sale Event, the Executive's employment is terminated by the Company without Cause as provided in Section 3(d) or the Executive terminates her employment for Good Reason as provided in Section 3(e), then, subject to the signing of the Separation Agreement and Release by the Executive and the Separation Agreement and Release becoming irrevocable, all within 60 days after the Date of Termination,

(i) the Company shall pay the Executive a lump sum in cash in an amount equal to the sum of (A) one (1) times the Executive's current Base Salary (or the Executive's Base Salary in effect immediately prior to the Sale Event, if higher) plus (B) one (1) times the Executive's Target Incentive Compensation (the "Change in Control Payment"), provided any Change in Control Payment shall be less the Restrictive Covenants Agreement Setoff, if applicable; and

(ii) if the Executive was participating in the Company's group health plan immediately prior to the Date of Termination and elects COBRA health continuation, then the Company shall pay to the Executive a monthly cash payment for twelve (12) months or the Executive's COBRA health continuation period, whichever ends earlier, in an amount equal to the monthly employer contribution that the Company

would have made to provide health insurance to the Executive if the Executive had remained employed by the Company; and

(iii) all time-based stock options and other time-based stock-based awards held by the Executive shall accelerate and become fully exercisable or non-forfeitable as of the Date of Termination; provided that, if any stock options or other stock-based awards held by the Executive prior to the Effective Date have accelerated vesting terms that are more favorable to the Executive than those set forth in this Section 5(a)(iii), the vesting terms of those stock options or other stock-based awards shall apply as opposed to the accelerated vesting terms set forth in this Section 5(a)(iii) solely with respect to such awards.

The amounts payable under Section 5(a)(i) and (ii) shall be paid or commence to be paid within 60 days after the Date of Termination; provided however, that if the 60-day period begins in one calendar year and ends in a second calendar year, such payment shall be paid or commence to be paid in the second calendar year by the last day of such 60-day period.

(b) Additional Limitation.

(i) Anything in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, in the event that the amount of any compensation, payment or distribution by the Company to or for the benefit of the Executive, whether paid or payable or distributed or distributable pursuant to the terms of this Agreement or otherwise, calculated in a manner consistent with Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and the applicable regulations thereunder (the "Aggregate Payments"), would be subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code, then the Aggregate Payments shall be reduced (but not below zero) so that the sum of all of the Aggregate Payments shall be \$1.00 less than the amount at which the Executive becomes subject to the excise tax imposed by Section 4999 of the Code; provided that such reduction shall only occur if it would result in the Executive receiving a higher After Tax Amount (as defined below) than the Executive would receive if the Aggregate Payments were not subject to such reduction. In such event, the Aggregate Payments shall be reduced in the following order, in each case, in reverse chronological order beginning with the Aggregate Payments that are to be paid the furthest in time from consummation of the transaction that is subject to Section 280G of the Code: (1) cash payments not subject to Section 409A of the Code; (2) cash payments subject to Section 409A of the Code; (3) equitybased payments and acceleration; and (4) non-cash forms of benefits; provided that in the case of all the foregoing Aggregate Payments all amounts or payments that are not subject to calculation under Treas. Reg. §1.280G-1, Q&A-24(b) or (c) shall be reduced before any amounts that are subject to calculation under Treas. Reg. §1.280G-1, Q&A-24(b) or (c).

(ii) For purposes of this Section 5(b), the "After Tax Amount" means the amount of the Aggregate Payments less all federal, state, and local income, excise and employment taxes imposed on the Executive as a result of the Executive's receipt of the Aggregate Payments. For purposes of determining the After Tax Amount, the Executive shall be deemed to pay federal income taxes at the highest marginal rate of federal

income taxation applicable to individuals for the calendar year in which the determination is to be made, and state and local income taxes at the highest marginal rates of individual taxation in each applicable state and locality, net of the maximum reduction in federal income taxes which could be obtained from deduction of such state and local taxes.

(iii) The determination as to whether a reduction in the Aggregate Payments shall be made pursuant to Section 5(b)(i) shall be made by a nationally recognized accounting firm selected by the Company (the "Accounting Firm"), which shall provide detailed supporting calculations both to the Company and the Executive within 15 business days of the Date of Termination, if applicable, or at such earlier time as is reasonably requested by the Company or the Executive. Any determination by the Accounting Firm shall be binding upon the Company and the Executive.

(c) Sale Event Definition. For purposes of this Section 5, "Sale Event" shall mean (i) the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company on a consolidated basis to an unrelated person or entity, (ii) a merger, reorganization or consolidation pursuant to which the holders of the Company's outstanding voting power and outstanding stock immediately prior to such transaction do not own a majority of the outstanding voting power and outstanding stock or other equity interests of the resulting or successor entity (or its ultimate parent, if applicable) immediately upon completion of such transaction, (iii) the sale of all of the Stock of the Company to an unrelated person, entity or group thereof acting in concert, or (iv) any other transaction in which the owners of the Company's outstanding voting power immediately prior to such transaction do not own at least a majority of the outstanding voting power of the Company or any successor entity immediately upon completion of the transaction other than as a result of the acquisition of securities directly from the Company.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a "Sale Event" shall not be deemed to have occurred for purposes of the foregoing clauses (ii) and (iv) solely as the result of an acquisition of securities by the Company which, by reducing the number of shares of voting securities outstanding, increases the proportionate number of voting securities beneficially owned by any person to 50 percent or more of the combined voting power of all of the then outstanding voting securities; provided, however, that if any person referred to in this sentence shall thereafter become the beneficial owner of any additional shares of voting securities (other than pursuant to a stock split, stock dividend, or similar transaction or as a result of an acquisition of securities directly from the Company) and immediately thereafter beneficially owns 50 percent or more of the combined voting power of all of the then outstanding voting securities, then a "Sale Event" shall be deemed to have occurred for purposes of the foregoing clauses (ii) and (iv).

6. Section 409A.

(a) Anything in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, if at the time of the Executive's separation from service within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code, the Company determines that the Executive is a "specified employee" within the meaning of Section 409A(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Code, then to the extent any payment or benefit that the Executive becomes entitled to under this Agreement on account of the Executive's separation from service would be considered deferred compensation otherwise subject to the 20 percent additional tax

imposed pursuant to Section 409A(a) of the Code as a result of the application of Section 409A(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Code, such payment shall not be payable and such benefit shall not be provided until the date that is the earlier of (A) six months and one day after the Executive's separation from service, or (B) the Executive's death. If any such delayed cash payment is otherwise payable on an installment basis, the first payment shall include a catch-up payment covering amounts that would otherwise have been paid during the six-month period but for the application of this provision, and the balance of the installments shall be payable in accordance with their original schedule.

(b) All in-kind benefits provided and expenses eligible for reimbursement under this Agreement shall be provided by the Company or incurred by the Executive during the time periods set forth in this Agreement. All reimbursements shall be paid as soon as administratively practicable, but in no event shall any reimbursement be paid after the last day of the taxable year following the taxable year in which the expense was incurred. The amount of in-kind benefits provided or reimbursable expenses incurred in one taxable year shall not affect the in-kind benefits to be provided or the expenses eligible for reimbursement in any other taxable year (except for any lifetime or other aggregate limitation applicable to medical expenses). Such right to reimbursement or in-kind benefits is not subject to liquidation or exchange for another benefit.

(c) To the extent that any payment or benefit described in this Agreement constitutes "non-qualified deferred compensation" under Section 409A of the Code, and to the extent that such payment or benefit is payable upon the Executive's termination of employment, then such payments or benefits shall be payable only upon the Executive's "separation from service." The determination of whether and when a separation from service has occurred shall be made in accordance with the presumptions set forth in Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(h).

(d) The parties intend that this Agreement will be administered in accordance with Section 409A of the Code. To the extent that any provision of this Agreement is ambiguous as to its compliance with Section 409A of the Code, the provision shall be read in such a manner so that all payments hereunder comply with Section 409A of the Code. Each payment pursuant to this Agreement is intended to constitute a separate payment for purposes of Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-2(b)(2). The parties agree that this Agreement may be amended, as reasonably requested by either party, and as may be necessary to fully comply with Section 409A of the Code and all related rules and regulations in order to preserve the payments and benefits provided hereunder without additional cost to either party.

(e) The Company makes no representation or warranty and shall have no liability to the Executive or any other person if any provisions of this Agreement are determined to constitute deferred compensation subject to Section 409A of the Code but do not satisfy an exemption from, or the conditions of, such Section.

7. Restrictive Covenants Agreement. The Employee Confidentiality, Assignment and Non-Competition Agreement between the Company and the Executive, dated as of September 27, 2018 (the "Restrictive Covenants Agreement"), is incorporated by reference, the terms of which are material terms of this Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, in the event of

a breach of the Restrictive Covenants Agreement by the Executive, the Company may discontinue any post-employment payments made pursuant to this Agreement or the Restrictive Covenants Agreement.

8. Arbitration of Disputes. Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the breach thereof or otherwise arising out of the Executive's employment or the termination of that employment (including, without limitation, any claims of unlawful employment discrimination whether based on age or otherwise) shall, to the fullest extent permitted by law, be settled by arbitration in any forum and form agreed upon by the parties or, in the absence of such an agreement, under the auspices of the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") in Boston, Massachusetts in accordance with the Employment Dispute Resolution Rules of the AAA, including, but not limited to, the rules and procedures applicable to the selection of arbitrators. In the event that any person or entity other than the Executive or the Company may be a party with regard to any such controversy or claim, such controversy or claim shall be submitted to arbitration subject to such other person or entity's agreement. Judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof. This Section 8 shall be specifically enforceable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Section 8 shall not preclude either party from pursuing a court action for the sole purpose of obtaining a temporary restraining order or a preliminary injunction in circumstances in which such relief is appropriate; provided that any other relief shall be pursued through an arbitration proceeding pursuant to this Section 8.

9. Consent to Jurisdiction. To the extent that any court action is permitted consistent with or to enforce Section 8 of this Agreement, the parties hereby consent to the jurisdiction of the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts. Accordingly, with respect to any such court action, the Executive (a) submits to the personal jurisdiction of such courts; (b) consents to service of process; and (c) waives any other requirement (whether imposed by statute, rule of court, or otherwise) with respect to personal jurisdiction or service of process.

10. Integration. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and supersedes all other prior agreements, written or oral, between the parties concerning such subject matter (including without limitation any offer letter, employment agreement or severance agreement); provided that the Restrictive Covenant Agreement and the Equity Documents are expressly preserved and incorporated by reference herein.

11. Withholding. All payments made by the Company to the Executive under this Agreement shall be net of any tax or other amounts required to be withheld by the Company under applicable law.

12. Successor to the Executive. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Executive's personal representatives, executors, administrators, heirs, distributees, devisees and legatees. In the event of the Executive's death after her termination of employment but prior to the completion by the Company of all payments due her under this Agreement, the Company shall continue such payments to the Executive's beneficiary

designated in writing to the Company prior to her death (or to her estate, if the Executive fails to make such designation).

13. Enforceability. If any portion or provision of this Agreement (including, without limitation, any portion or provision of any section of this Agreement) shall to any extent be declared illegal or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, then the remainder of this Agreement, or the application of such portion or provision in circumstances other than those as to which it is so declared illegal or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby, and each portion and provision of this Agreement shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

14. Survival. The provisions of this Agreement shall survive the termination of this Agreement and/or the termination of the Executive's employment to the extent necessary to effectuate the terms contained herein.

15. Waiver. No waiver of any provision hereof shall be effective unless made in writing and signed by the waiving party. The failure of any party to require the performance of any term or obligation of this Agreement, or the waiver by any party of any breach of this Agreement, shall not prevent any subsequent enforcement of such term or obligation or be deemed a waiver of any subsequent breach.

16. Notices. Any notices, requests, demands and other communications provided for by this Agreement shall be sufficient if in writing and delivered in person or sent by a nationally recognized overnight courier service or by registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested, to the Executive at the last address the Executive has filed in writing with the Company or, in the case of the Company, at its main offices, attention of the Board.

17. Amendment. This Agreement may be amended or modified only by a written instrument signed by the Executive and by a duly authorized representative of the Company.

18. Governing Law. This is a Massachusetts contract and shall be construed under and be governed in all respects by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, without giving effect to the conflict of laws principles of such Commonwealth. With respect to any disputes concerning federal law, such disputes shall be determined in accordance with the law as it would be interpreted and applied by the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

19. Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which when so executed and delivered shall be taken to be an original, but such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same document.

20. Successor to Company. The Company shall require any successor (whether direct or indirect, by purchase, merger, consolidation or otherwise) to all or substantially all of the business or assets of the Company expressly to assume and agree to perform this Agreement to the same extent that the Company would be required to perform it if no succession had taken place. Failure of the Company to obtain an assumption of this Agreement at or prior to the effectiveness of any succession shall be a material breach of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement effective on the date and year first above written.

BLUEPRINT MEDICINES CORPORATION

By: /s/ Jeffrey Albers
Name: Jeffrey Albers
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

EXECUTIVE

/s/ Christina Rossi
Name: Christina Rossi

Signature Page – Employment Agreement



**Blueprint Medicines Strengthens Leadership with the Appointments of
Christina Rossi as Chief Commercial Officer and Paul Beresford as General Manager,
International**

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., October 29, 2018 – Blueprint Medicines Corporation (NASDAQ:BPMC), a leader in discovering and developing targeted kinase medicines for patients with genomically defined diseases, today announced the appointment of Christina Rossi as Chief Commercial Officer, effective October 29, 2018. Blueprint Medicines also announced the appointment of Paul Beresford as General Manager, International.

In her new role, Ms. Rossi will join the executive management team and have overall responsibility for commercial strategy and operations, including sales and marketing, for a potential commercial launch of avapritinib in the United States in 2019 and pre-commercial planning across Blueprint Medicines' pipeline. Based in Switzerland, Mr. Beresford will be responsible for commercial strategy and operations outside of the United States.

"We are thrilled to welcome Christy to Blueprint Medicines as we rapidly advance our registration-enabling clinical trials for avapritinib in multiple patient populations and prepare for key clinical and regulatory milestones in the year ahead," said Jeff Albers, Chief Executive Officer of Blueprint Medicines. "Christy has a proven track record of building efficient commercial organizations, successfully launching new medicines and delivering impactful programs and services to patients and providers. With her leadership and experience, we believe we are well positioned to transform Blueprint Medicines into a fully-integrated, commercial-stage biopharmaceutical company."

Mr. Albers continued, "We are also thrilled to have Paul join Blueprint Medicines as we increase our focus on delivering transformative precision therapies to patients worldwide. Paul brings more than two decades of experience in Europe and other geographies, with a focus on global product strategy and market access."

Christina Rossi, Chief Commercial Officer

Ms. Rossi brings nearly 20 years of global pharmaceutical and biotechnology experience. Most recently, Ms. Rossi served as the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Business Unit Head, North America, at Sanofi Genzyme. In this role, she was responsible for all aspects of the financial performance of Sanofi Genzyme's MS franchise and increased market share for existing products, led the launch of new therapies and optimized operations to accelerate patient access. Prior to that Ms. Rossi served as Vice President, MS Sales at Sanofi Genzyme and Vice President, MS Patient and Provider Services at Sanofi Genzyme. Prior to joining Sanofi Genzyme, Ms. Rossi held various roles at Biogen, Inc., including Head, Commercial Strategy for Eidetica Biopharma GmbH, Biogen's biosimilar-focused venture, and U.S. Brand Leader for TYSABRI® (natalizumab). In addition, Ms. Rossi consulted in the healthcare practice at the Boston Consulting Group. Ms. Rossi holds a B.S. in biology, *cum laude*, from Duke University and an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School.

"I'm excited to join the Blueprint Medicines team at this important moment for the company," said Christy Rossi, Chief Commercial Officer of Blueprint Medicines. "With compelling clinical data for avapritinib in patients with advanced gastrointestinal stromal tumors and plans to submit a new drug application in the first half of 2019, now is the time to expand and accelerate plans to deliver this potentially transformative precision therapy to patients."

Paul Beresford, General Manager, International

Mr. Beresford joins Blueprint Medicines with over 20 years of experience in global, regional and in-country roles, including cross-functional and commercial leadership in strategy, operations and alliance management, encompassing specialty therapeutics and rare diseases. Over the course of his career, Mr. Beresford has successfully launched several major products in multiple therapeutic areas. Most recently, Mr. Beresford served as Vice President, Global Product Strategy Lead in the Rare Diseases Franchise at Shire, where he was responsible for

leading global strategy, accelerating revenue growth of the portfolio and driving life-cycle management. Previously, he served as International Launch Leader, Neuroscience at Shire, where he successfully led the development and implementation of cross-functional plans to launch VYVANSE® (lisdexamfetamine dimesylate) in a number of European and other regional markets. Prior to joining Shire (Switzerland) in 2010, Mr. Beresford held various commercial and business development roles at Shire in the UK, InforMed-Direct, Bayer and IMS. Mr. Beresford has a business degree from Kingston University in the UK and undertook advanced studies in the management of biotech, medtech and pharma ventures at the École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne.

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, as amended, including, without limitation, statements regarding a potential commercial launch of avapritinib in the United States in 2019; potential clinical and regulatory milestones; the ability to transform Blueprint Medicines into a fully-integrated, commercial-stage biopharmaceutical company; plans to submit a new drug application for avapritinib; plans and timelines for delivering avapritinib to patients; and Blueprint Medicines' strategy, business plans and focus. The words "may," "will," "could," "would," "should," "expect," "plan," "anticipate," "intend," "believe," "estimate," "predict," "project," "potential," "continue," "target" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words. Any forward-looking statements in this press release are based on management's current expectations and beliefs and are subject to a number of risks, uncertainties and important factors that may cause actual events or results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by any forward-looking statements contained in this press release, including, without limitation, risks and uncertainties related to the delay of any current or planned clinical trials or the development of Blueprint Medicines' drug candidates, including avapritinib, BLU-554, BLU-667 and BLU-782; Blueprint Medicines' advancement of multiple early-stage efforts; Blueprint Medicines' ability to successfully demonstrate the safety and efficacy of its drug candidates; the preclinical and clinical results for Blueprint Medicines' drug candidates, which may not support further development of such drug candidates; actions of regulatory agencies, which may affect the initiation, timing and progress of clinical trials; Blueprint Medicines' ability to develop and commercialize companion diagnostic tests for its current and future drug candidates, including companion diagnostic tests for BLU-554 for FGFR4-driven hepatocellular carcinoma, avapritinib for PDGFR α D842V-driven gastrointestinal stromal tumors and advanced systemic mastocytosis and BLU-667 for RET-driven non-small cell lung cancer; the success of Blueprint Medicines' current and future collaborations, including its cancer immunotherapy collaboration with F. Hoffmann-La Roche Ltd and Hoffmann-La Roche Inc. and its collaboration with CStone Pharmaceuticals. These and other risks and uncertainties are described in greater detail in the section entitled "Risk Factors" in Blueprint Medicines' Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2018, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on August 1, 2018, and any other filings that Blueprint Medicines has made or may make with the SEC in the future. Any forward-looking statements contained in this press release represent Blueprint Medicines' views only as of the date hereof and should not be relied upon as representing its views as of any subsequent date. Except as required by law, Blueprint Medicines explicitly disclaims any obligation to update any forward-looking statements.

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