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

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**FORM 6-K**

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**REPORT OF FOREIGN ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
For the month of August 2021  
(Commission File No. 001-39308)**

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**CALLIDITAS THERAPEUTICS AB**

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

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**Kungsbron 1, C8  
SE-111 22  
Stockholm, Sweden**  
(Address of registrant's principal executive office)

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Form 20-F  Form 40-F

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Enclosed hereto is a copy of an announcement published by Calliditas Therapeutics AB on August 12, 2021.

The information contained in this Form 6-K, including Exhibit 99.1, is intended to be furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit</b>	<b>Description</b>
<a href="#">99.1</a>	<a href="#">Company announcement dated August 12, 2021</a>

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**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, thereunto duly authorized.

**CALLIDITAS THERAPEUTICS AB**

Date: August 12, 2021

By: /s/ Fredrik Johansson  
Fredrik Johansson  
Chief Financial Officer

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Stockholm

August 12, 2021

**Calliditas Therapeutics intends to carry out a directed share issue**

**Calliditas Therapeutics AB (publ) ("Calliditas" or the "Company") (Nasdaq Stockholm – CALTX; Nasdaq – CALT), a biopharma company focused on identifying, developing and commercializing novel treatments in orphan indications, hereby announces its intention to carry out a directed issue of common shares of approximately SEK 300 million to Swedish and international institutional investors and sector specialist investors (the "Issue").**

**The Issue in brief**

The Issue is intended to be carried out with deviation from the shareholders' preferential rights in accordance with the authorization granted by the Annual General Meeting on May 27, 2021. The subscription price and the total number of new shares in the Issue will be determined through an accelerated book building procedure, which will commence immediately following this press release. The completion, pricing and allocation of the new shares is expected to take place before the beginning of trading on Nasdaq Stockholm at 09.00 CEST on August 13, 2021. By establishing the subscription price in the Issue through an accelerated book building procedure, it is the assessment of the Board of Directors that the subscription price will accurately reflect current market conditions and demand. The closing, pricing and allocation in the book building procedure is at the discretion of the Company and may be cancelled at any time. The Company will announce the outcome of the Issue in a subsequent press release after the book building procedure has been completed.

**The Company intends to use the net proceeds from the Issue for:**

- (i) ongoing clinical development;
- (ii) pre-commercial development in the United States;
- (iii) commercial activities for Nefecon, if approved for marketing by the FDA later this year; and
- (iv) general corporate purposes.

The Company believes that using the flexibility provided by a non-pre-emptive placing is the most appropriate and optimal transaction structure at this time in order to raise capital for the development of ongoing projects in a time and cost-effective manner. Moreover, the Company will further strengthen the shareholder base with Swedish and international institutional investors and sector specialist investors.

In connection with the Issue, the Company has agreed to a lock-up undertaking, with customary exceptions, on future share issuances for a period of 90 days. In addition, members of the Board of Directors and management of Calliditas, who owns shares or warrants, have, in connection with the Issue, agreed not to sell any shares in the Company during a lock-up period of 90 days subject to customary exceptions.

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#### **Advisers**

In conjunction with the Issue, the Company has engaged Jefferies GmbH, Carnegie Investment Bank AB (publ) and Kempen & Co as Joint Global Coordinators and Joint Bookrunners. Vinge act as legal adviser to the Company and Baker McKenzie act as legal adviser to the Banks.

#### **For further information, please contact:**

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*The information in the press release is inside information that Calliditas is obliged to make public pursuant to the EU Market Abuse Regulation. The information was submitted for publication, through the agency of the contact persons above, on August 12, 2021 at 17:57 (CEST).*

#### **About Calliditas**

Calliditas Therapeutics is a biopharma company based in Stockholm, Sweden focused on identifying, developing and commercializing novel treatments in orphan indications, with an initial focus on renal and hepatic diseases with significant unmet medical needs. Calliditas' lead product candidate, Nefecon, is a proprietary, novel oral formulation of budesonide, an established, highly potent local immunosuppressant, for the treatment of adults with the autoimmune renal disease primary IgA nephropathy (IgAN), for which there is a high unmet medical need and there are no approved treatments. Calliditas has recently read out topline data from Part A of its global Phase 3 study in IgAN and, if approved, aims to commercialize Nefecon in the United States. Calliditas is also planning to start clinical trials with NOX inhibitors in primary biliary cholangitis and head and neck cancer. Calliditas is listed on Nasdaq Stockholm (ticker: CALTX) and the Nasdaq Global Select Market (ticker: CALT).

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### **Information to distributors**

Solely for the purposes of the product governance requirements contained within: (a) EU Directive 2014/65/EU on markets in financial instruments, as amended (“**MiFID II**”); (b) Articles 9 and 10 of Commission Delegated Directive (EU) 2017/593 supplementing MiFID II; and (c) local implementing measures (together, the “**MiFID II Product Governance Requirements**”), and disclaiming all and any liability, whether arising in tort, contract or otherwise, which any “manufacturer” (for the purposes of the MiFID II Product Governance Requirements) may otherwise have with respect thereto, the shares in Calliditas have been subject to a product approval process, which has determined that such shares are: (i) compatible with an end target market of retail investors and investors who meet the criteria of professional clients and eligible counterparties, each as defined in MiFID II; and (ii) eligible for distribution through all distribution channels as are permitted by MiFID II (the “**Target Market Assessment**”). Notwithstanding the Target Market Assessment, Distributors should note that: the price of the shares in Calliditas may decline and investors could lose all or part of their investment; the shares in Calliditas offer no guaranteed income and no capital protection; and an investment in the shares in Calliditas is compatible only with investors who do not need a guaranteed income or capital protection, who (either alone or in conjunction with an appropriate financial or other adviser) are capable of evaluating the merits and risks of such an investment and who have sufficient resources to be able to bear any losses that may result therefrom. The Target Market Assessment is without prejudice to the requirements of any contractual, legal or regulatory selling restrictions in relation to the Directed Share Issue. Furthermore, it is noted that, notwithstanding the Target Market Assessment, the Joint Bookrunners will only procure investors who meet the criteria of professional clients and eligible counterparties.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Target Market Assessment does not constitute: (a) an assessment of suitability or appropriateness for the purposes of MiFID II; or (b) a recommendation to any investor or group of investors to invest in, or purchase, or take any other action whatsoever with respect to the shares in Calliditas.

Each distributor is responsible for undertaking its own target market assessment in respect of the shares in Calliditas and determining appropriate distribution channels.

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