

**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): **April 12, 2022**

**MyMD Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**New Jersey**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-36268**  
(Commission  
File No.)

**22-2983783**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**MyMD Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**  
**855 N. Wolfe Street, Suite 623**  
**Baltimore, MD 21205**

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(856) 848-8698**

(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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- 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))

Securities Registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common stock, no par value per share	MYMD	The Nasdaq Capital Market

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 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On April 12, 2022, MyMD Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the "**Company**") issued a press release announcing results from a preclinical study comparing MYMD-1 with leading therapies for rheumatoid arthritis. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein. The Company undertakes no obligation to update, supplement or amend the materials attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

In accordance with General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, the information in this Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed "filed" for the 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 Exchange Act or the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by reference in such a filing. Furthermore, the furnishing of information under Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is not intended to constitute a determination by the Company that the information contained herein, including the exhibits hereto, is material or that the dissemination of such information is required by Regulation FD.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	<a href="#">Press Release, dated April 12, 2022 (furnished herewith pursuant to Item 7.01)</a>
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL)

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

**MYMD PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

Date: April 13, 2022

By: /s/ Chris Chapman  
Chris Chapman, M.D.  
President

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## MyMD Pharmaceuticals' Lead Compound MYMD-1 Demonstrates Superior Anti-inflammatory Effects over Top-Selling Therapies in a Pivotal Preclinical Model of Rheumatoid Arthritis

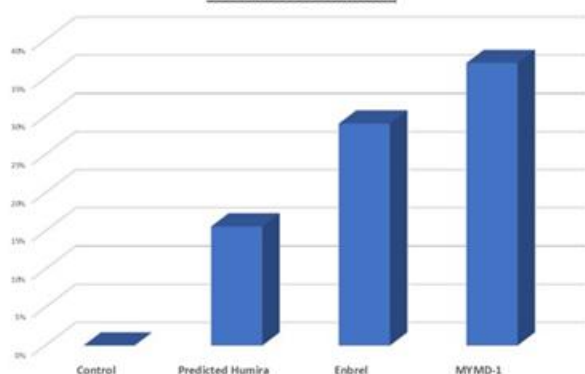
*MyMD seeks to disrupt the \$31 billion global market for rheumatoid arthritis (RA) drug therapies with MYMD-1, which could potentially prove safer, more effective and better tolerated than current options*

*Submission of Investigational New Drug (IND) application and protocols for a Phase 2 RA study planned for second half of 2022*

BALTIMORE, MD. – April 12, 2022 – MyMD Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Nasdaq: MYMD) (“MyMD” or “the Company”), a clinical stage pharmaceutical company committed to extending healthy lifespan, today announced positive new preclinical study data demonstrating the potential effectiveness of MYMD-1 for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis (RA). MYMD-1 demonstrated a significantly greater anti-inflammatory effect than current TNF-alpha inhibitors on the market, the top three of which represent an estimated \$31 billion market (based on 2020 revenues)<sup>1</sup>.

The comparative study of arthritis, using the CAIA model<sup>2</sup>, was conducted and analyzed by Charles River Laboratories International, a full-service contract research organization for drug discovery and development. Study results showed that MYMD-1 inhibited inflammation more effectively in the RA model by 30% and 70% of the top two marketed drugs, respectively.

**Inhibition of Inflammation in Preclinical Model of Rheumatoid Arthritis**



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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.yahoo.com/now/abbvies-humira-still-number-1-224014673.html>

<sup>2</sup> Animal models of arthritis mimic many of the features of arthritis in humans and have been used successfully in establishing proof of concept for new treatment compounds. Of the animal models available, the murine Collagen Antibody-Induced Arthritis (CAIA) model is modeled after RA, and is widely used because of the similar putative etiology to human disease. Moreover, microscopic changes associated with rheumatoid arthritis (e.g., inflammation, bone erosion, and bone degeneration) are observed in CAIA control animals.

<sup>3</sup> Predicted Humira response was calculated based on previous comparisons of Enbrel vs. Humira in the same CAIA model during a previous experiment by Charles River.

“We are excited about the impressive new data we are announcing today that shows a highly favorable comparison of our lead drug candidate MYMD-1 to the gold standard rheumatoid arthritis drug therapies currently on the market today. A small fraction of this enormous \$31 billion market represents a highly attractive opportunity for MyMD,” said Chris Chapman, M.D., President, Director and Chief Medical Officer of MyMD.

“Utilizing the strong proof-of-concept and efficacy data from our pre-clinical model, we are preparing to submit to the FDA an Investigational New Drug (IND) application for MYMD-1 as treatment for RA, along with protocols for a Phase 2 study, in the second half of this year.”

In addition to the greater efficacy shown in the preclinical model of RA, we believe that MYMD-1 holds significant advantages over current anti-TNF-alpha therapies:

- Smaller molecular size with easy access throughout the body, including the brain;
- Selective inhibition of TNF-alpha production by lymphocytes involved in autoimmune disease, but not macrophages involved in front line immune protection against bacteria and viral infections;
- Not shown to cause serious side effects in preclinical studies that is common with traditional therapies that treat inflammation;
- Simultaneous inhibition of pro-inflammatory cytokines TNF-alpha, IL-6 and IL-17; and
- Ease of oral dosing rather than by needle injection. Drug candidate MYMD-1 is the only TNF-alpha inhibitor that is dosed orally.

MyMD is currently conducting a Phase 2 clinical trial of MYMD-1 as a therapy for delaying aging and expanding healthy lifespan. The primary endpoint for the Phase 2 double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical trial is to achieve a reduction in circulating levels of TNF-alpha within 28 days of therapy.

In addition to aging and rheumatoid arthritis, MYMD-1’s distinct action in regulating the immune system and treating chronic inflammation is being developed for the treatment of multiple sclerosis (MS), diabetes, and inflammatory bowel disease.

### About Rheumatoid Arthritis

Rheumatoid arthritis is a chronic autoimmune disease and an inflammatory form of arthritis. The disorder preferentially attacks the joints and is characterized by inflammation and bone erosion. In the progression of RA, joints are infiltrated by white blood cells that produce the pro-inflammatory cytokines TNF-alpha, IL-6 and IL-17. Rheumatoid arthritis is the most common form of autoimmune arthritis, affecting more than 1.3 million Americans<sup>4</sup> and occurring at any age. Studies have determined that the number of

people suffering from rheumatoid arthritis may rise to over 78 million by 2040<sup>5</sup>.

#### **About MYMD-1**

Originally developed for autoimmune diseases, MYMD-1's primary purpose is to slow the aging process, prevent sarcopenia and frailty, and extend healthy lifespan. Because it can cross the blood-brain barrier and gain access to the central nervous system (CNS), MYMD-1 is also positioned to be a possible treatment for brain-related disorders. Its mechanism of action and efficacy in diseases including multiple sclerosis (MS) and thyroiditis have been studied through collaborations with several academic institutions.

MYMD-1 has shown effectiveness in pre-clinical and clinical studies in regulating the immune system by performing as a selective inhibitor of tumor necrosis factor-alpha (TNF- $\alpha$ ), a driver of chronic inflammation. Unlike other therapies, MYMD-1 has been shown in these studies to selectively block TNF- $\alpha$  when it becomes overactivated in autoimmune diseases and cytokine storms, but not block it from doing its normal job of being a first responder to any routine type of moderate infection. MYMD-1's ease of oral dosing is another differentiator compared to currently available TNF- $\alpha$  blockers, all of which require delivery by injection or infusion. No approved TNF inhibitor has ever been dosed orally. In addition, the drug is not immunosuppressive and has not been shown to cause the serious side effects common with traditional therapies that treat inflammation.

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<sup>4</sup> <https://www.rheumatology.org/I-Am-A/Patient-Caregiver/Diseases-Conditions/Rheumatoid-Arthritis>

<sup>5</sup> Data published by Research and Markets, March 16, 2018

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#### **About MyMD Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**

MyMD Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Nasdaq: MYMD), a clinical stage pharmaceutical company committed to extending healthy lifespan, is focused on developing two novel therapeutic platforms that treat the causes of disease rather than only addressing the symptoms. MYMD-1 is a drug platform based on a clinical stage small molecule that regulates the immune system to control TNF- $\alpha$ , which drives chronic inflammation, and other pro-inflammatory cell signaling cytokines. MYMD-1 is being developed to delay aging, increase longevity, and treat autoimmune diseases and COVID-19-associated depression. The Company's second drug platform, Supera-CBD, is being developed to treat chronic pain, addiction and epilepsy. Supera-CBD is a novel synthetic derivative of cannabidiol (CBD) and is being developed to address and improve upon the rapidly growing CBD market, which includes both FDA approved drugs and CBD products not currently regulated as drugs. For more information, visit [www.mymd.com](http://www.mymd.com).

#### **Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward-Looking Statements**

This press release may contain forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any expected future results, performance, or achievements. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made and none of MyMD nor its affiliates assume any duty to update forward-looking statements. Words such as "anticipate," "believe," "could," "estimate," "expect," "may," "plan," "will," "would" and other similar expressions are intended to identify these forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated by such forward-looking statements include, without limitation: the timing of, and MyMD's ability to, obtain and maintain regulatory approvals for clinical trials of MyMD's pharmaceutical candidates; the timing and results of MyMD's planned clinical trials for its pharmaceutical candidates; the amount of funds MyMD requires for its pharmaceutical candidates; increased levels of competition; changes in political, economic or regulatory conditions generally and in the markets in which MyMD operates; MyMD's ability to retain and attract senior management and other key employees; MyMD's ability to quickly and effectively respond to new technological developments; MyMD's ability to protect its trade secrets or other proprietary rights, operate without infringing upon the proprietary rights of others and prevent others from infringing on MyMD's proprietary rights; and the impact of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic on MyMD's results of operations, business plan and the global economy. A discussion of these and other factors with respect to MyMD is set forth in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021, filed by MyMD on March 31, 2022. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made and MyMD disclaims any intention or obligation to revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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