# United States SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549** 

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**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934** 

## MERSANA THERAPEUTICS, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

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

59045L106 (CUSIP Number)

September 10, 2021 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing This Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

☐ Rule 13d-1(b)

☐ Rule 13d-1(c)

☐ Rule 13d-1(d)

\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

#### CUSIP No. 59045L106

1.	Names of Reporting Persons				
	BB Biotech AG				
2.			Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)		
	(a) ⊠	•	(b) □		
3.	3. SEC Use Only				
4.	4. Citizenship or Place of Organization				
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<b>.</b>		5.	Sole Voting Power		
Nur	nber of		0		
S	hares	6.	Shared Voting Power		
Beneficially Owned by 4,135,000			4,135,000		
Each		7.	Sole Dispositive Power		
Reporting Person  0			0		
	with: 8. Shared Dispositive Power				
	o.   Shared Dispositive Power				
	4,135,000				
9.	9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person				
	4,135,000				
10.	O. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares				
11.	1. Percent of Class Represented by amount in Row (9)				
	5.8%				
12.	2. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)				
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### CUSIP No. **59045L106**

1.	Names of Reporting Persons				
	Biotech Target N.V.				
	I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only):				
	N/A				
2.	Check	the A	Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)		
	(a) ⊠ (b) □				
3.	3. SEC Use Only				
4.	Citizeı	nship	or Place of Organization		
	Curacao				
		5.	Sole Voting Power		
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	Reporting Report				
	Person 0				
`	with: 8. Shared Dispositive Power				
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9.	9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person				
	4,135,	000			
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11.	1. Percent of Class Represented by amount in Row (9)				
	5.8%				
12.	2. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions)				
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#### Item 1

- 1(a) Name of Issuer: Mersana Therapeutics, Inc.
- 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

840 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, MA 02139, United States of America

#### Item 2

- 2(a) Name of Person Filing: <u>BB Biotech AG ("BB Biotech") on behalf of its wholly-owned subsidiary, Biotech Target N.V. ("Biotech Target")</u>
  - 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence:

BB Biotech AG: Schwertstrasse 6, CH-8200 Schaffhausen, Switzerland

Biotech Target N.V.: Ara Hill Top Building, Unit A-5, Pletterijweg Oost 1, Curaçao

2(c) Citizenship: BB Biotech AG: Switzerland

**Biotech Target N.V.: Curacao** 

- 2(d) Title of Class of Securities Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share
- 2(e) CUSIP Number 59045L106

#### Item 3

If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

- a. [] Broker or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act.
- b. [] Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act.
- c. [] Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act.
- d. [] Investment company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940.
- e. [] An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- f. [] An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- g. [] A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- $\textbf{h.} \ [\ ] \ A \ savings \ associations \ as \ defined \ in \ Section \ 3(b) \ of \ the \ Federal \ Deposit \ Insurance \ Act \ (12 \ U.S.C. \ 1813);$
- i. [] A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act of 1940;
  - j. [] Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J).

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Item	4.	Own	ers	hin

Provide the following information regarding the aggregate number and percentage of the class of securities of the issuer identified in Item 1.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 4,135,000
- (b) Percent of class: 5.8%
- (c) Number of shares as to which the person has:
- (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote 0
- (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote 4,135,000
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 0
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of 4,135,000

#### Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following: [ ]

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

N/A

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.

This statement is filed jointly by BB Biotech and Biotech Target, Biotech Target is a wholly-owned subsidiary of BB Biotech.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

N/A

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

N/A

#### **Item 10. Certification**

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

#### **SIGNATURES**

After reasonable inquiry and the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

#### **BB Biotech AG**

Date: <b>September 15, 2021</b>	Ву:	/s/ Martin Gubler
		Signatory Authority
	Name:	Martin Gubler
	Title:	Signatory Authority
Date: <b>September 15, 2021</b>	By:	/s/ Ivo Betschart
	- <u> </u>	Signatory Authority
	Name:	Ivo Betschart
	Title:	Signatory Authority
Biotech Target N.V.		
Date: <b>September 15, 2021</b>	By:	/s/ Jan Bootsma
		Signatory Authority
	Name:	Jan Bootsma
	Title:	Signatory Authority
Date: <b>September 15, 2021</b>	Ву:	/s/ Hugo van Neutegem
		Signatory Authority
	Name:	Hugo van Neutegem
	Title:	Signatory Authority

#### Exhibit A

#### **Joint Filing Statement**

We, the undersigned, hereby express our agreement that the attached Schedule 13G (including all amendments thereto) is filed on behalf of each of the undersigned.

#### **BB Biotech AG**

Date: September 15, 2021 /s/ Martin Gubler By:

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Signatory Authority

Name: Martin Gubler

Title: Signatory Authority

By: /s/ Ivo Betschart

Signatory Authority

Name: Ivo Betschart

Title: Signatory Authority

Biotech Target N.V.

By: /s/ Jan Bootsma

Signatory Authority

Jan Bootsma Name:

Signatory Authority Title:

By: /s/ Hugo van Neutegem

Signatory Authority

Hugo van Neutegem Name:

Signatory Authority Title:

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