

XTL BIOPHARMACEUTICALS LTD
Form 6-K
January 25, 2017

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 6-K

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of January, 2017

Commission File Number: **001-36000**

XTL Biopharmaceuticals Ltd.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

**5 HaCharoshet St., Raanana,
4365603, Israel**

(Address of principal executive offices)

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Incorporation by Reference: This Form 6-K of XTL Biopharmaceuticals Ltd. is hereby incorporated by reference into the registration statements on Form S-8 (File No. 333-148085, File No. 333-148754 and File No. 333-154795) and Form F-3 (File No. 333-194338).

xtl biopharmaceuticals Announces RATIO CHANGE OF ITS DEPOSITARY RECEIPT PROGRAM

RAANANA, Israel - (January 25, 2017) – XTL Biopharmaceuticals Ltd. (NASDAQ: XTLB, TASE: XTLB.TA) (“XTL” or the “Company”), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing treatments for autoimmune diseases, today announced the Company has authorized The Bank of New York Mellon, as depository (“BNY Mellon”), to effect on February 10, 2017 a change in the ratio from one (1) Depositary Share (“DS”) representing twenty (20) ordinary shares to a new ratio of one (1) DS representing one hundred (100) ordinary shares. For the Company's DS holders, this ratio change will have the same effect as a reverse split on the XTL DSs on the basis of one (1) new DS for every five (5) old DSs held. The ordinary shares of XTL will not be affected by this change in the DS to ordinary share ratio.

Effective February 10, 2017, DS holders of XTL will be required on a mandatory basis to surrender their old DSs to BNY Mellon for cancellation at the rate of five (5) “OLD” DSs (CUSIP# 98386D208) for one (1) “NEW” DS (CUSIP# 98386D307). Holders in the Direct Registration System and in DTC will have their DSs automatically exchanged and need not take any action. Only whole DSs will be distributed. BNY Mellon will attempt to sell any fractional DSs and distribute the cash proceeds.

The Company believes that the ratio change is in the best interest of its shareholders as it will assist the Company in regaining compliance with the minimum average closing price continued listing standard of the NASDAQ Capital Market (NCM). However, the Company can give no assurance that this goal will be achieved upon the effectiveness of the ratio change.

About XTL Biopharmaceuticals Ltd. (XTL)

XTL Biopharmaceuticals Ltd. is a clinical-stage biotech company focused on the development of pharmaceutical products for the treatment of autoimmune diseases. The Company’s lead drug candidate, hCDR1, is a world-class clinical asset for the treatment of autoimmune diseases including systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) and Sjögren’s Syndrome (SS). The few treatments currently on the market for these diseases are not effective enough for most patients and some have significant side effects. hCDR1 has robust clinical data in three clinical trials with 400 patients and over 200 preclinical studies with data published in more than 40 peer reviewed scientific journals.

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XTL is traded on the Nasdaq Capital Market (NASDAQ: XTLB) and the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (TASE: XTLB.TA). XTL shares are included in the following indices: Tel-Aviv Biomed, Tel-Aviv MidCap, and Tel-Aviv Tech Index.

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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.

**XTL
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LTD.**

Date: January 25, 2017 By: /s/ Josh Levine
Josh Levine
Chief Executive Officer