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

**SCHEDULE 14D-9**

Solicitation/Recommendation Statement  
Under Section 14(d)(4) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

**LISATA THERAPEUTICS, INC.**  
(Name of Subject Company)

**LISATA THERAPEUTICS, INC.**  
(Name of Person Filing Statement)

Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share  
(Title of Class of Securities)

128058302  
(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

David J. Mazzo, Ph.D.  
Chief Executive Officer  
Lisata Therapeutics, Inc  
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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications  
on Behalf of the Person Filing Statement)

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The information set forth under Item 8.01 of the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Lisata Therapeutics, Inc. on April 2, 2026 (including all exhibits attached thereto and incorporated therein by reference) is incorporated herein by reference.

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