UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-A

FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Verona Pharma plc

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

United Kingdom

(State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation or organization)

3 More London Riverside London SE1 2RE UK (Address of principal executive offices) Not Applicable (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

Not Applicable (Zip Code)

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

Title of each class to be so registered American Depositary Shares, each

Representing eight ordinary shares, nominal value £0.05 per share

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The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC*

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A. (c) or (e), check the following box.

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A. (d) or (e), check the following box.

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities concurrently with a Regulation A offering, check the following box.

Securities Act registration statement or Regulation A offering statement file number to which this form relates: 333-217124

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None.

Securities to be regist

Name of each exchange on which each class is to be registered The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC

^{*} Not for trading, but only in connection with the listing of the American Depositary Shares on The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC. The American Depositary Shares represent the right to receive ordinary shares and are being registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, pursuant to a separate Registration Statement on Form F-6. Accordingly, the American Depositary Shares are exempt from the operation of Section 12(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, pursuant to Rule 12a-8.

Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.

Verona Pharma plc (the "<u>Company</u>") hereby incorporates by reference (a) the description of its ordinary shares, nominal value £0.05 per share, contained under the heading "*Description of Share Capital and Articles of Association*," (b) the description of its American Depositary Shares, each representing eight ordinary shares, nominal value £0.05 per share, contained under the heading "*Description of American Depositary Shares*" and (c) the information set forth under the heading "*Material Tax Considerations*," in each case, in the Company's Registration Statement on Form F-1 (333-217124), as originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 3, 2017, as amended from time to time (the "<u>Registration Statement</u>"). In addition, all of the above-referenced descriptions included in any prospectus forming a part of the Registration Statement subsequently filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference herein.

Item 2. Exhibits.

Pursuant to the Instructions as to Exhibits for Form 8-A, no exhibits are required to be filed because no other securities of the Registrant are registered on The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC and the securities registered hereby are not being registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

Date: April 19, 2017

VERONA PHARMA PLC

By: <u>/s/ Jan-Anders Karlsson</u> Name: Jan-Anders Karlsson, Ph.D. Title: Chief Executive Officer