# **PROSPECTUS**



# EYEGATE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

# 1,200,000 Shares of Common Stock

This prospectus relates to the possible resale, from time to time, by the selling stockholder identified in this prospectus of up to 600,000 shares of our common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), initially issued in a private placement (the "Private Placement"), and 600,000 shares of Common Stock underlying warrants issued in the Private Placement.

The selling stockholder may offer the shares from time to time as each selling stockholder may determine through public or private transactions or through other means described in the section entitled "Plan of Distribution" or a supplement to this prospectus. Each selling stockholder may also sell shares under Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, if available, rather than under this prospectus.

The registration of these shares does not necessarily mean that any holders will sell any of their shares or exercise their warrants. We are not offering for sale any shares of our Common Stock pursuant to this prospectus. We will not receive any proceeds from the sale of these shares. We will, however, receive cash proceeds equal to the total exercise price of warrants that are exercised for cash.

Our Common Stock is listed on The Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol "EYEG." On November 15, 2019, the closing price for our Common Stock, as reported on The Nasdaq Capital Market, was \$4.69 per share.

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. You should review carefully the risks and uncertainties described under the heading "Risk Factors" contained in this prospectus beginning on page 6, and under similar headings in the other documents that are incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this Prospectus is November 18, 2019.

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#### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we have filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") pursuant to which the selling stockholder named herein may, from time to time, offer and sell or otherwise dispose of the securities covered by this prospectus. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus is accurate on any date subsequent to the date set forth on the front cover of this prospectus or that any information we have incorporated by reference is correct on any date subsequent to the date of the document incorporated by reference, even though this prospectus is delivered or securities are sold or otherwise disposed of on a later date. It is important for you to read and consider all information contained in this prospectus, including the Information Incorporated by Reference herein, in making your investment decision. You should also read and consider the information in the documents to which we have referred you under the captions "Where You Can Find More Information" and "Incorporation of Information by Reference" in this prospectus.

Neither we nor the selling stockholder have authorized any dealer, salesman or other person to give any information or to make any representation other than those contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. You must not rely upon any information or representation not contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. This prospectus does not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any of our securities other than the securities covered hereby, nor does this prospectus constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. Persons who come into possession of this prospectus in jurisdictions outside the United States are required to inform themselves about, and to observe, any restrictions as to the offering and the distribution of this prospectus applicable to those jurisdictions.

We further note that the representations, warranties and covenants made by us in any agreement that is filed as an exhibit to any document that is incorporated by reference in the accompanying prospectus were made solely for the benefit of the parties to such agreement, including, in some cases, for the purpose of allocating risk among the parties to such agreements, and should not be deemed to be a representation, warranty or covenant to you. Moreover, such representations, warranties or covenants were accurate only as of the date when made. Accordingly, such representations, warranties and covenants should not be relied on as accurately representing the current state of our affairs.

#### PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

The following summary highlights information contained elsewhere in this prospectus. It may not contain all of the information that is important to you. You should read the entire prospectus carefully, especially the discussion regarding the risks of investing in our securities under the heading "Risk Factors," before investing in our securities. All references to "Company" "we," "our" or "us" refer solely to EyeGate Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and its subsidiaries and not to the persons who manage us or sit on our Board of Directors (the "Board").

#### **About EyeGate Pharmaceuticals**

We are a clinical-stage specialty pharmaceutical company focused on developing and commercializing products for treating diseases and disorders of the eye. We accomplish this by leveraging our two proprietary platform technologies, crosslinked thiolated carboxymethyl hyaluronic acid ("CMHA-S") and iontophoresis drug delivery system. Our CMHA-S platform is based on a modified form of the natural polymer hyaluronic acid ("HA"), which is a gel that possesses unique physical and chemical properties such as hydrating and promoting wound healing when applied to the ocular surface. We believe that the ability of CMHA-S to adhere longer to the ocular surface, while hydrating and promoting wound healing, makes it well-suited for treating various ocular surface injuries from dry eye to corneal wounds.

HA is a naturally occurring polymer that is important in many physiological processes, including wound healing, tissue homeostasis, and joint lubrication. To create this hydrogel, the HA is modified to create CMHA that is then crosslinked together through the thiol groups to CMHA-S. Crosslinking slows degradation of the HA backbone and provides a matrix for incorporating therapeutic agents. Variations in the number of thiols per molecule, the molecular weight of the polymer, the concentration of the polymer, the type of crosslinking, and incorporation of active ingredients, provides a highly versatile platform that can be tailored to a specific application and formulated as eye drops, gels, or films.

Our first CMHA-S-based product candidate, EyeGate Ocular Bandage Gel ("OBG"), is a topically applied 0.75% CMHA-S eye drop formulation that has completed three in-man clinical trials. We announced positive topline data from the initial trial and follow-on trial evaluating the ability of OBG to manage ocular surface re-epithelialization following photorefractive keratectomy ("PRK") surgery. We also announced positive topline data from our first clinical trial focused on treating patients with punctate epitheliopathies ("PE"). We initiated a pivotal study for the indication of PRK in the second quarter of 2019 with topline data expected by year end 2019. Assuming positive data from this study, we plan to file for commercialization for this indication shortly thereafter. Additionally, the FDA approved the initiation of a follow-on trial for the indication of PE in the third quarter of 2019, with topline data expected by year end 2019. OBG eye drops create a thin, durable and protective coating to the damaged surface of the eye, serving to facilitate and manage corneal re-epithelization. OBG is intended for the protection of the ocular surface and the management of corneal epithelial wounds, defects, and epitheliopathies.

Preclinical studies suggest that the specific CMHA-S chemical modification comprising OBG creates a favorable set of attributes, including prolonged retention time on the ocular surface, and a smooth continuous clear barrier without blur that can minimize mechanical lid friction, reduce repeat injury, and mechanically protect the ocular surface, allowing for the management of corneal re-epithelization. The gel is presently available commercially as a veterinary device indicated for use in the management of superficial corneal ulcers. Manufactured by SentrX Animal Care and sold in the U.S. by Bayer Animal Health as Remend® Corneal Repair, the product has been used successfully for more than five years in dogs, cats and horses, without adverse effects. The composition of the veterinary product is identical to that of the OBG. We have obtained a license from BioTime, Inc. for the exclusive worldwide right to commercialize CMHA-S for ophthalmic treatments in humans. We paid BioTime \$50,000 and are required to pay an annual fee of \$30,000 and royalties to BioTime based on revenue relating to any product incorporating the CMHA-S technology. Our license agreement expires when patent protection for the CMHA-S technology lapses, which is expected to occur in the U.S. in 2028. We do not have the rights to the CMHA-S platform for animal health or veterinary medicine.

OBG is being developed pursuant to a *de novo* 510(k) regulatory pathway for devices submitted for marketing clearance to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA"). We plan to develop OBG for two indications, management of corneal re-epithelization post PRK surgery and for evaluating the potential to help clinicians better manage patients with PE due to pathologies such as dry eye. We believe that OBG is the first and only eye drop being developed in the U.S. to target the management of corneal re-epithelization.

In addition, we have been developing EGP-437, which incorporates a reformulated topically active corticosteroid, Dexamethasone Phosphate, that is delivered into the ocular tissues through our proprietary innovative drug delivery system, the EyeGate® II Delivery System ("EGP-437 Combination Product"). EGP-437 is being developed under the 505(b)(2) New Drug Application ("NDA") regulatory pathway for drugs submitted for approval to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, or FDA, which enables an applicant to rely, in part, on the FDA's findings of safety and efficacy for an existing product, or published literature, in support of its NDA.

We have been developing EGP-437 for the treatment of various inflammatory conditions of the eye, including the treatment of ocular inflammation and pain in post-surgical cataract patients and anterior uveitis, a debilitating form of intraocular inflammation of the anterior portion of the uvea, such as the iris and/or ciliary body. We announced topline data for the Phase 2b cataract surgery trial in the first quarter of 2018 and although EGP-437 demonstrated a higher rate of success compared to vehicle at all time points, the co-primary endpoints of proportion of subjects with an anterior chamber cell ("ACC") count of zero at Day 7 and the proportion of subjects with a pain score of zero at Day 1 did not show statistical significance. Additionally, we announced topline data for the confirmatory Phase 3 uveitis trial in the third quarter of 2018 and although EGP-437 showed clinical efficacy, defined as a reduction in ACC score throughout the study, it did not demonstrate non-inferiority to the prednisolone acetate ophthalmic solution control group. We will continue to review the data and will be assessing our strategic options for EGP-437 going forward.

We entered into two exclusive global license agreements with a subsidiary of Bausch Health Companies, Inc. ("BHC") for our EGP-437 Combination Product in the fields of anterior uveitis and for the treatment of post-operative ocular inflammation and pain in ocular surgery patients. Effective March 14, 2019, BHC voluntarily terminated these license agreements reinstating to us all of the rights and privileges of the EGP-437 platform.

# **Corporate Information**

Our principal executive offices are located at 271 Waverley Oaks Road, Suite 108, Waltham, MA 02452, and our telephone number is (781) 788-8869. Our website address is *www.eyegatepharma.com*. Our website and the information contained in, or accessible through, our website will not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus and does not constitute part of this prospectus. You should not rely on any such information in making your decision whether to purchase our securities.

# **Recent Developments**

Reverse Stock Split

Effective as of August 30, 2019, we completed a 1-for-15 reverse stock split of our Common Stock in order to regain compliance with Nasdaq Listing Rule 5550(a)(2), which requires a minimum bid price of \$1.00 per share. As a result of the reverse stock split, each fifteen (15) shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of 12:01 a.m. Eastern Time on August 30, 2019 were combined and converted into one share of Common Stock. In accordance with Nasdaq Listing Rule 5810(c)(3)(A), we regained compliance when the closing bid price of our Common Stock was at least \$1.00 for a minimum of 10 consecutive business days, which requirement was satisfied as of September 13, 2019. All references to numbers of shares of Common Stock and pershare information in this prospectus have been adjusted retroactively, as appropriate, to reflect the 1-for-15 reverse stock split.

# Private Placement

On October 2, 2019, we completed a private placement of 600,000 shares of Common Stock and warrants to purchase up to 600,000 shares of Common Stock (the "Private Placement") to the selling stockholder named herein, with a combined purchase price per share and warrant of \$3.125. The total gross proceeds from the Private Placement were approximately \$1.9 million. The warrants have an exercise price of \$3.125 per share, subject to adjustments as provided under the terms of the warrants, and will be exercisable on the six month anniversary of their issuance date. The warrants are exercisable for five years from the issuance date.

The shares of Common Stock, the warrants and the shares of Common Stock issuable upon the exercise of the warrants were sold and issued in the Private Placement without registration under the Securities Act in reliance on the exemptions provided by Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act as transactions not involving a public offering and Rule 506 promulgated under the Securities Act as sales to accredited investors, and in reliance on similar exemptions under applicable state laws. This prospectus relates to the resale of the 600,000 shares of Common Stock and 600,000 shares of Common Stock underlying warrants issued to the selling stockholder in the Private Placement.

#### THE OFFERING

We are registering for resale by the selling stockholder named herein an aggregate of 1,200,000 shares of our Common Stock as described below.

Securities being offered: 1,200,000 shares of our Common Stock, including 600,000 shares of Common Stock underlying warrants to purchase Common Stock issued to

the selling stockholder in connection with a private placement.

Use of proceeds: We will not receive any of the proceeds from the sale or other disposition of shares of our Common Stock by the selling stockholder. We may receive

proceeds upon any exercise for cash of outstanding warrants, in which case such proceeds will be used for working capital and other general corporate

purposes. See "Use of Proceeds" on page 9.

Market for common stock:

Our Common Stock is listed on The Nasdaq Capital Market under the

symbol "EYEG." On November 15, 2019, the last reported sale price of

our Common Stock on The Nasdaq Capital Market was \$4.69.

Risk Factors

This investment involves a high degree of risk. See the information

contained in or incorporated by reference under "Risk Factors" beginning on page 6 of this prospectus and in the documents incorporated by

reference into this prospectus.

# RISK FACTORS

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the risks described herein and in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, as well as other information we include or incorporate by reference into this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement, before making an investment decision. Our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected by the materialization of any of these risks. The trading price of our securities could decline due to the materialization of any of these risks, and you may lose all or part of your investment. This prospectus and the documents incorporated herein by reference also contain forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of certain factors, including the risks described herein and in the documents incorporated herein by reference, including (i) our most recent annual report on Form 10-K which is on file with the SEC and is incorporated herein by reference and (ii) other documents we file with the SEC that are deemed incorporated by reference into this prospectus.

#### SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus contains, and the documents incorporated herein by reference contain, forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. The forward-looking statements are contained principally in the sections of this prospectus and the documents incorporated herein by reference under the captions "Prospectus Summary," "Risk Factors," "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and "Business." In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terms such as "may," "might," "will," "objective," "intend," "should," "seek," "aim," "think," "optimistic," "strategy," "goals," "sees," "new," "guidance," "future," "continue," "drive," "growth," "long-term," "develop," "possible," "emerging," "opportunity," "pursue," "could," "can," "would," "expect," "believe," "anticipate," "project," "target," "design," "estimate," "predict," "potential," "plan" or the negative of these terms, and similar expressions intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements reflect our current views with respect to future events and are based on assumptions and subject to risks and uncertainties. Given these uncertainties, you should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements about:

- · the timing and success of preclinical studies and clinical trials conducted by us and our development partners;
- · the ability to obtain and maintain regulatory approval of our product candidates, and the labeling for any approved products;
- the scope, progress, expansion, and costs of developing and commercializing our product candidates;
- the size and growth of the potential markets for our product candidates and the ability to serve those markets;
- · our expectations regarding our expenses and revenue, the sufficiency of our cash resources and needs for additional financing;
- the rate and degree of market acceptance of any of our product candidates;
- · our expectations regarding competition;
- our anticipated growth strategies;
- our ability to attract or retain key personnel;
- · our ability to establish and maintain development partnerships;
- · our expectations regarding federal, state and foreign regulatory requirements;
- · regulatory developments in the U.S. and foreign countries;
- our ability to obtain and maintain intellectual property protection for our product candidates;
- $\cdot$  the anticipated trends and challenges in our business and the market in which we operate; and
- · our use of proceeds from this offering.

Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performances or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements.

Any forward-looking statement made by us in this prospectus speaks only as of the date on which it is made. Except as required by law, we assume no obligation to update these statements publicly, or to update the reasons actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these statements, even if new information becomes available in the future. These forward-looking statements represent our estimates and assumptions only as of the date of this prospectus.

Unless required by U.S. federal securities laws, we do not intend to update any of these forward-looking statements to reflect circumstances or events that occur after the statement is made.

You should read this prospectus and the documents that we reference in this prospectus and have filed as exhibits to the registration statement, of which this prospectus is a part, completely and with the understanding that our actual future results may be materially different from what we expect. We qualify all of our forward-looking statements by these cautionary statements.

# **USE OF PROCEEDS**

We will receive no proceeds from the sale of shares of Common Stock by the selling stockholder.

A portion of the shares of Common Stock covered by this prospectus are issuable upon exercise of warrants issued to the selling stockholder. The exercise price of the outstanding warrants is \$3.125 per share. The exercise price and number of shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants may be adjusted in certain circumstances, including stock splits or dividends, mergers, or reclassifications or similar events. Upon any exercise of outstanding warrants, the selling stockholder will pay us the exercise price.

To the extent we receive proceeds from the cash exercise of outstanding warrants, we intend to use the proceeds for working capital and other general corporate purposes.

#### SELLING STOCKHOLDER

The table below sets forth information concerning the resale of our shares by the selling stockholder. The selling stockholder acquired the securities being registered hereunder in the Private Placement. The total number of shares of Common Stock sold under this prospectus may be adjusted to reflect adjustments due to stock dividends, stock distributions, splits, combinations or recapitalizations with regard to the Common Stock and warrants. Unless otherwise stated below in the footnotes, to our knowledge, neither the selling stockholder, nor any affiliate of such stockholder: (i) has held any position or office with us during the three years prior to the date of this prospectus; or (ii) is a broker-dealer, or an affiliate of a broker-dealer.

The selling stockholder may exercise its warrants at any time in its sole discretion. Set forth below is the name of the selling stockholder and the amount and percentage of Common Stock owned by the selling stockholder (including shares which the stockholder has the right to acquire within 60 days, including upon exercise of warrants) prior to the offering, the shares to be sold in the offering, and the amount and percentage of Common Stock to be owned by the selling stockholder (including shares which the stockholder has the right to acquire within 60 days, including upon exercise of warrants) after the offering assuming all shares are sold. The footnotes provide information about persons who have voting and dispositive power with respect to shares held by the selling stockholder.

We have registered up to 1,200,000 shares of our Common Stock, including 600,000 shares of Common Stock underlying warrants to purchase Common Stock issued to the selling stockholder in connection with the Private Placement. See "Prospectus Summary" above.

The following table is based on information provided to us by the selling stockholder and is as of November 18, 2019. The selling stockholder may sell all or some of the shares of Common Stock it is offering, and may sell, unless indicated otherwise in the footnotes below, shares of our Common Stock otherwise than pursuant to this prospectus. The tables below assume that the selling stockholder sells all of the shares offered by it in offerings pursuant to this prospectus, and does not acquire any additional shares. We are unable to determine the exact number of shares that will actually be sold or when or if these sales will occur.

	Warrant						
	<b>Shares Beneficially</b>	% Owned	Common Stock	Shares	Number of		
Name of Selling	Owned Pre-	Pre-	Offered in this	Offered in this	Shares Post-	% of Shares	
Stockholder	Offering(1)	Offering(2)	Offering	Offering(3)	Offering	Post-Offering(2)	
Armistice Capital Master Fund Ltd. (4)	3,245,000	63.8%	600,000	600,000	2,045,000	45.6%	

- (1) Beneficial ownership includes shares of Common Stock as to which a person or group has sole or shared voting power or dispositive power. Shares of Common Stock registered hereunder, as well as shares of common stock subject to options, warrants or convertible preferred stock that are exercisable or convertible within 60 days of November 18, 2019, are deemed outstanding for purposes of computing the number of shares beneficially owned and percentage ownership of the person or group holding such shares of Common Stock, options, warrants or convertible securities, but are not deemed outstanding for computing the percentage of any other person
- (2) Percentages are based on 3,636,460 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of November 18, 2019.
- (3) Warrants are exercisable at an exercise price of \$3.125 per share and expire five years from the date of issuance.
- (4) This information is based solely upon (i) an amended Schedule 13D filed jointly by Armistice Capital, LLC, Armistice Capital Master Fund, Ltd. (the "Master Fund") and Steven Boyd with Securities and Exchange Commission on October 18, 2019 and (ii) a Form 4 filed jointly by Armistice Capital, LLC, the Master Fund and Steven Boyd with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 1, 2019. Consists of (i) 1,792,500 shares owned by the Master Fund, (ii) 600,000 currently exercisable warrants held by the Master Fund (which amount does not include an additional 1,602,085 warrants that are subject to blocker provisions that prevent the Master Fund from exercising the warrants if it would be more than a 4.99% or 9.99% (as applicable) beneficial owner of the Common Stock following any such exercise); and (iii) 4,092 shares of Series C Convertible Preferred Stock held by the Master Fund that are currently convertible into 852,500 shares of Common Stock. Armistice Capital, LLC and Steven Boyd have voting and investment power with respect to such shares. Mr. Boyd is a member of our Board of Directors.

#### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

The selling stockholder, which for this purpose includes donees, pledgees, transferees or other successors-in-interest selling shares of Common Stock or interests in shares of Common Stock received after the date of this prospectus from the selling stockholder as a gift, pledge, dividend, distribution or other transfer, may, from time to time, sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any or all of its shares of Common Stock or interests in shares of Common Stock on any stock exchange, market or trading facility on which the shares are traded, or in private transactions. These sales or other dispositions may be at fixed prices, at prevailing market prices at the time of sale, at prices related to the prevailing market price, at varying prices determined at the time of sale, or at negotiated prices.

The selling stockholder may use any one or more of the following methods when selling our shares or interests in our shares:

- · ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which the broker-dealer solicits purchasers;
- block trades in which a broker-dealer will attempt to sell the shares as agent, but may position and resell a portion of the block as principal to facilitate the transaction;
- · purchases by a broker-dealer as principal and resale by the broker-dealer for its account;
- · on any national securities exchange or quotation service on which the shares may be listed or quoted at the time of sale;
- · privately negotiated transactions;
- · short sales effected after the date the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part is declared effective by the SEC;
- through the writing or settlement of options or other hedging transactions, whether through an options exchange or otherwise;
- · broker-dealers may agree with the selling stockholder to sell a specified number of such shares at a stipulated price per share;
- · a combination of any such methods of sale; and
- · any other method permitted by applicable law.

The selling stockholder may, from time to time, pledge or grant a security interest in some or all of our shares owned by them and, if they default in the performance of their secured obligations, the pledgees or secured parties may offer and sell the shares of Common Stock, from time to time, under this prospectus, or under an amendment to this prospectus under Rule 424(b)(3) or other applicable provision of the Securities Act, amending the list of selling stockholders to include the pledgee, transferee or other successors in interest as selling stockholders under this prospectus. The selling stockholder may also transfer our shares in other circumstances, in which case the transferees, pledgees or other successors will be the selling beneficial owners for purposes of this prospectus.

In connection with the sale of our shares of Common Stock or interests therein, the selling stockholder may enter into hedging transactions with broker-dealers or other financial institutions, which may in turn engage in short sales of our shares in the course of hedging the positions they assume. The selling stockholder may also sell shares of our Common Stock short and deliver these securities to close out their short positions, or loan or pledge the Common Stock to broker-dealers that in turn may sell these securities. The selling stockholder may also enter into option or other transactions with broker-dealers or other financial institutions or the creation of one or more derivative securities which require the delivery to such broker-dealer or other financial institution of shares offered by this prospectus, which shares such broker-dealer or other financial institution may resell pursuant to this prospectus (as supplemented or amended to reflect such transaction).

The aggregate proceeds to the selling stockholder from the sale of the Common Stock offered by it will be the purchase price of the Common Stock less discounts or commissions, if any. The selling stockholder reserves the right to accept and, together with its agents from time to time, to reject, in whole or in part, any proposed purchase of Common Stock to be made directly or through agents. We will not receive any of the proceeds from sales of shares by the selling stockholder.

The selling stockholder may also resell all or a portion of the shares in open market transactions in reliance upon Rule 144 under the Securities Act, provided that they meet the criteria and conform to the requirements of that rule, or under Section 4(a)(1) of the Securities Act, if available, rather than by means of this prospectus.

In connection with the sale of shares of Common Stock covered by this prospectus, broker-dealers may receive commissions or other compensation from the selling stockholder in the form of commissions, discounts or concessions. Broker-dealers may also receive compensation from purchasers of the shares of Common Stock for whom they act as agents or to whom they sell as principals or both. Compensation as to a particular broker-dealer may be in excess of customary commissions or in amounts to be negotiated. In connection with any underwritten offering, underwriters may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from a selling stockholder or from purchasers of the shares for whom they act as agents. Underwriters may sell the shares of Common Stock to or through dealers, and such dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the underwriters and/or commissions from the purchasers for whom they may act as agents. Any underwriters, broker-dealers, agents or other persons acting on behalf of a selling stockholder that participate in the distribution of the shares of Common Stock may be deemed to be "underwriters" within the meaning of the Securities Act, and any profit on the sale of the shares of Common Stock by them and any discounts, commissions or concessions received by any of those underwriters, broker-dealers, agents or other persons may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act. The aggregate amount of compensation in the form of underwriting discounts, concessions, commissions or fees and any profit on the resale of shares by the selling stockholder that may be deemed to be underwriting compensation pursuant to Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc., rules and regulations will not exceed applicable limits.

The selling stockholder and any underwriters, broker-dealers or agents that participate in the sale of the Common Stock or interests therein may be "underwriters" within the meaning of Section 2(11) of the Securities Act. Any discounts, commissions, concessions or profit they earn on any resale of the shares may be underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act. Selling stockholders who are "underwriters" within the meaning of Section 2(a)(11) of the Securities Act will be subject to the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act and may be subject to certain statutory liabilities, including but not limited to, Sections 11, 12 and 17 of the Securities Act and Rule 10b-5 under the Exchange Act.

To the extent required, the shares of our Common Stock to be sold, the names of the selling stockholder, the respective purchase prices and public offering prices, the names of any agent, dealer or underwriter, and any applicable commissions or discounts with respect to a particular offer will be set forth in an accompanying prospectus supplement or, if appropriate, a post-effective amendment to the registration statement that includes this prospectus.

In order to comply with the securities laws of some states, if applicable, the Common Stock may be sold in these jurisdictions only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers. In addition, in some states the Common Stock may not be sold unless it has been registered or qualified for sale or an exemption from registration or qualification requirements is available and is complied with.

We have advised the selling stockholder that the anti-manipulation rules of Regulation M under the Exchange Act may apply to sales of shares in the market and to the activities of the selling stockholder and their affiliates. In addition, to the extent applicable, we will make copies of this prospectus (as it may be supplemented or amended from time to time) available to the selling stockholder for the purpose of satisfying the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act. The selling stockholder may indemnify any broker-dealer that participates in transactions involving the sale of the shares against certain liabilities, including liabilities arising under the Securities Act. All of the foregoing may affect the marketability of the Common Stock and the ability of any person or entity to engage in market-making activities with respect to our Common Stock.

We will pay all expenses of the registration of the Common Stock for resale by the selling stockholder, including, without limitation, filing fees and expenses of compliance with state securities or "blue sky" laws; provided, however, that the selling stockholder will pay all underwriting discounts and selling commissions, if any, and any related legal expenses incurred by it.

# DETERMINATION OF OFFERING PRICE

The prices at which the shares of Common Stock covered by this prospectus may actually be sold will be determined by the prevailing public market price for shares of Common Stock, by negotiations between the selling stockholder and buyers of our Common Stock in private transactions or as otherwise described in "Plan of Distribution."

#### DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

#### General

Our authorized capital stock consists of 120,000,000 shares of Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of which 3,750 are designated as Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, 10,000 are designated as Series B Convertible Preferred Stock and 10,000 are designated as Series C Convertible Preferred Stock. The following description summarizes some of the terms of our restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws, but does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by the provisions of our restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws, copies of which have been filed as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

There were 3,636,460 shares of our Common Stock (including 52,952 restricted shares subject to vesting conditions), no shares of our Series A Preferred Stock or Series B Preferred Stock, and 4,092 shares of our Series C Convertible Preferred Stock (convertible into an aggregate of 852,500 shares of Common Stock) outstanding as of November 18, 2019, assuming no exercise of outstanding options or warrants. There were approximately 49 holders of record of our Common Stock as of November 18, 2019. This number does not include beneficial owners whose shares are held in street name.

As of November 18, 2019, there were 179,722 shares of Common Stock subject to outstanding options and 3,316,300 shares of Common Stock subject to outstanding warrants.

#### Common Stock

Voting Rights. Each holder of Common Stock is entitled to one vote for each share of Common Stock held on all matters submitted to a vote of the stockholders, including the election of directors. Except as otherwise provided by law or our restated certificate of incorporation or bylaws, all matters other than the election of directors submitted to the stockholders at any meeting shall be decided by the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of Common Stock present in person or represented by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote thereon. Directors are elected by a plurality of the votes cast at the meeting. Our restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws do not provide for cumulative voting rights. Because of this, the holders of a majority of the shares of Common Stock entitled to vote in any election of directors can elect all of the directors standing for election, if they should so choose.

*Dividends*. Subject to preferences that may be applicable to any then outstanding preferred stock, the holders of our outstanding shares of Common Stock are entitled to receive dividends, if any, as may be declared from time to time by our board of directors out of legally available funds. At present, we have no plans to issue dividends.

*Liquidation.* In the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, holders of Common Stock will be entitled to share ratably in the net assets legally available for distribution to stockholders after the payment of all of our debts and other liabilities, subject to the satisfaction of any liquidation preference granted to the holders of any outstanding shares of preferred stock.

Other Rights and Preferences. Holders of our Common Stock have no preemptive, conversion or subscription rights, and there are no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable to our Common Stock. The rights, preferences and privileges of the holders of Common Stock are subject to, and may be adversely affected by, the rights of the holders of shares of any series of our preferred stock that we may designate and issue in the future.

Fully Paid and Nonassessable. All of our outstanding shares of Common Stock are fully paid and nonassessable.

Forum Selection. Our Restated Certificate of Incorporation provides that, unless we consent in writing to the selection of an alternative forum, the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware will be the sole and exclusive forum for (i) any derivative action or proceeding brought on our behalf, (ii) any action asserting a claim for breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any of our directors, officers or employees to us or our stockholders, (iii) any action asserting a claim gursuant to any provision of the Delaware General Corporation Law, our Restated Certificate of Incorporation or our bylaws or (iv) any action asserting a claim governed by the internal affairs doctrine. This provision would not apply to suits brought to enforce a duty or liability created by the Exchange Act, Securities Act, or, in each case, the rules and regulations thereunder, or any other claim for which the U.S. federal courts have exclusive jurisdiction.

Provisions in our restated certificate of incorporation provide that our board of directors is authorized to issue preferred stock in one or more series, to establish the number of shares to be included in each such series and to fix the designation, powers, preferences and rights of such shares and any qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof. The issuance of preferred stock may have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control of our company without further action by the stockholders and may adversely affect the voting and other rights of the holders of Common Stock. The issuance of preferred stock with voting and conversion rights may adversely affect the voting power of the holders of Common Stock, including the loss of voting control to others. At present, we have no plans to issue any additional preferred stock.

# Anti-Takeover Effects of Delaware Law and Our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws

Some provisions of Delaware law, our restated certificate of incorporation and our amended and restated bylaws contain provisions that could make the following transactions more difficult: an acquisition of us by means of a tender offer; an acquisition of us by means of a proxy contest or otherwise; or the removal of our incumbent officers and directors. It is possible that these provisions could make it more difficult to accomplish or could deter transactions that stockholders may otherwise consider to be in their best interest or in our best interests, including transactions which provide for payment of a premium over the market price for our shares.

These provisions, summarized below, are intended to discourage coercive takeover practices and inadequate takeover bids. These provisions are also designed to encourage persons seeking to acquire control of us to first negotiate with our board of directors. We believe that the benefits of the increased protection of our potential ability to negotiate with the proponent of an unfriendly or unsolicited proposal to acquire or restructure us outweigh the disadvantages of discouraging these proposals because negotiation of these proposals could result in an improvement of their terms.

*Undesignated Preferred Stock*. The ability of our board of directors, without action by the stockholders, to issue up to 10,000,000 shares of undesignated preferred stock with voting or other rights or preferences as designated by our board of directors could impede the success of any attempt to change control of us. These and other provisions may have the effect of deferring hostile takeovers or delaying changes in control or management of our company.

Stockholder Meetings. Our amended and restated bylaws provide that a special meeting of stockholders may be called only by our chairman of the board or chief executive officer (or president, if there is no chief executive officer), or by a resolution adopted by a majority of our board of directors.

Requirements for Advance Notification of Stockholder Nominations and Proposals. Our amended and restated bylaws establish advance notice procedures with respect to stockholder proposals to be brought before a stockholder meeting and the nomination of candidates for election as directors, other than nominations made by or at the direction of the board of directors or a committee of the board of directors.

*Elimination of Stockholder Action by Written Consent.* Our restated certificate of incorporation and amended and restated bylaws eliminate the right of stockholders to act by written consent without a meeting.

Staggered Board. Our board of directors is divided into three classes. The directors in each class serve for a three-year term, one class being elected each year by our stockholders. This system of electing and removing directors may tend to discourage a third-party from making a tender offer or otherwise attempting to obtain control of us, because it generally makes it more difficult for stockholders to replace a majority of the directors.

*Removal of Directors.* Our restated certificate of incorporation provides that no member of our board of directors may be removed from office by our stockholders except for cause and, in addition to any other vote required by law, upon the approval of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the total voting power of all of our outstanding voting stock then entitled to vote in the election of directors.

Stockholders Not Entitled to Cumulative Voting. Our restated certificate of incorporation does not permit stockholders to cumulate their votes in the election of directors. Accordingly, the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of our Common Stock entitled to vote in any election of directors can elect all of the directors standing for election, if they choose, other than any directors that holders of our preferred stock may be entitled to elect.

Delaware Anti-Takeover Statute. We are subject to Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, which prohibits persons deemed to be "interested stockholders" from engaging in a "business combination" with a publicly held Delaware corporation for three years following the date these persons become interested stockholders unless the business combination is, or the transaction in which the person became an interested stockholder was, approved in a prescribed manner or another prescribed exception applies. Generally, an "interested stockholder" is a person who, together with affiliates and associates, owns, or within three years prior to the determination of interested stockholder status did own, 15% or more of a corporation's voting stock. Generally, a "business combination" includes a merger, asset or stock sale, or other transaction resulting in a financial benefit to the interested stockholder. The existence of this provision may have an anti-takeover effect with respect to transactions not approved in advance by the board of directors.

Amendment of Charter Provisions. The amendment of any of the above provisions, except for the provision making it possible for our board of directors to issue preferred stock, would require approval by holders of at least 66 2/3% of the total voting power of all of our outstanding voting stock.

The provisions of Delaware law, our restated certificate of incorporation and our amended and restated bylaws could have the effect of discouraging others from attempting hostile takeovers and, as a consequence, they may also inhibit temporary fluctuations in the market price of our Common Stock that often result from actual or rumored hostile takeover attempts. These provisions may also have the effect of preventing changes in the composition of our board and management. It is possible that these provisions could make it more difficult to accomplish transactions that stockholders may otherwise deem to be in their best interests.

# **Transfer Agent and Registrar**

The transfer and warrant agent and registrar for our Common Stock is VStock Transfer, LLC.

# Listing

Our shares of Common Stock are quoted on The Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol "EYEG."

#### LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters in connection with this offering will be passed upon for us by Burns & Levinson LLP, Boston, Massachusetts.

#### **EXPERTS**

The consolidated balance sheets of EyeGate Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and subsidiary as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the related consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive loss, stockholders' equity (deficit), and cash flows for each of the years then ended, have been audited by EisnerAmper LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report, which is incorporated herein by reference, which report includes an explanatory paragraph about the existence of substantial doubt concerning the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. Such financial statements have been incorporated herein by reference in reliance on the report of such firm given upon their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

# WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We are subject to the information requirements of the Exchange Act and, in accordance therewith, file annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. These documents may be accessed through the SEC's electronic data gathering, analysis and retrieval system, or EDGAR, via electronic means, including the SEC's home page on the Internet (www.sec.gov).

We have the authority to designate and issue more than one class or series of stock having various preferences, conversion and other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends, qualifications, and terms and conditions of redemption. We will furnish a full statement of the relative rights and preferences of each class or series of our stock which has been so designated and any restrictions on the ownership or transfer of our stock to any shareholder upon request and without charge. Written requests for such copies should be directed to EyeGate Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 271 Waverley Oaks Road, Suite 108, Waltham, MA 02452, or by telephone request to (781) 788-8869. Our website is located at <a href="http://www.eyegatepharma.com">http://www.eyegatepharma.com</a>. Information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus and, therefore, is not part of this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement.

#### INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information and reports we file with them under File No. 001-36672, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those publicly available documents. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus supplement, and information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede the information already incorporated by reference. We are incorporating by reference the documents listed below, which we have already filed with the SEC, and any future filings we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, except as to any portion of any future report or document that is not deemed filed under such provisions, until we sell all of the securities:

- · Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018 filed with the SEC on March 1, 2019;
- · Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2019 filed with the SEC on May 8, 2019;
- · Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2019 filed with the SEC on August 8, 2019;
- · Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2019 filed with the SEC on November 7, 2019;
- · Our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on April 30, 2019;
- · Our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 22, 2019, May 14, 2019, June 20, 2019, August 15, 2019, August 29, 2019, September 23, 2019 and September 30, 2019; and
- The description of our Common Stock contained in our registration statement on Form 8-A12B filed with the SEC on <u>July 28, 2015</u> and amended on <u>July 30, 2015</u>

Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this prospectus is modified or superseded for purposes of the prospectus to the extent that a statement contained in this prospectus or in any other subsequently filed document that also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement.

Upon request, we will provide, without charge, to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom a copy of this prospectus is delivered a copy of the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus. You may request a copy of these filings, and any exhibits we have specifically incorporated by reference as an exhibit in this prospectus, at no cost by writing or telephoning us at the following address:

EyeGate Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 271 Waverley Oaks Road, Suite 108 Waltham, MA 02452 Telephone: (781) 788-8869.

This prospectus is part of a registration statement we filed with the SEC. We have incorporated exhibits into this registration statement. You should read the exhibits carefully for provisions that may be important to you.

You should rely only on the information incorporated by reference or provided in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. We are not making an offer of these securities in any state where the offer is not permitted. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus or in the documents incorporated by reference is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front of this prospectus or those documents.



# EYEGATE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

1,200,000 Shares of Common Stock

# **PROSPECTUS**

November 18, 2019