SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13G (Rule 13d-102)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13d-1(b)(c), AND (d) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-2(b)

(Amendment No.) *

| Esperion Therapeutics, Inc. | | | | |
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| (Name of Issuer) | | | | |
| | | | | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share | | | | |
| (Title of Class of Securities) | | | | |
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| (CUSIP Number) | | | | |
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| December 7, 2021 | | | | |
| (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement) | | | | |
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| Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed: | | | | |
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| □ Rule 13d-1(b) | | | | |
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| □ Rule 13d-1(d) | | | | |
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* 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 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).

| 1. | NAME OF REPORTING I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION | NG PERSONS ON NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY) | | |
|------------------------|---|---|----------------|--|
| | Deerfield Mgmt, L.P. | | | |
| 2. | CHECK THE APPRO | PRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* | (a) □ (b) ⊠ | |
| 3. | SEC USE ONLY | | | |
| 4. | CITIZENSHIP OR PL | ACE OF ORGANIZATION | | |
| | Delaware | | | |
| | 5. | SOLE VOTING POWER | | |
| NUMBER OF | | 0 | | |
| SHARES BENEFICIALLY | 6. | SHARED VOTING POWER | | |
| OWNED BY | | 10,000,000 (1) | | |
| EACH REPORTING | 7. | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER | | |
| PERSON | | 0 | | |
| WITH | 8. | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER | | |
| | | 10,000,000 (1) | | |
| 9. | AGGREGATE AMOU | NT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON | | |
| | 10,000,000 (1) | | | |
| 10. | CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES* | | | |
| | | | | |
| 11. | PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9 | | | |
| | 8.17% | | | |
| 12. | TYPE OF REPORTIN | G PERSON* | | |
| | PN | | | |

⁽¹⁾ Comprised of 5,000,000 shares of common stock and warrants to purchase 5,000,000 shares of common stock (subject to any further adjustments that may be applicable) held by Deerfield Partners, L.P., of which Deerfield Mgmt, L.P. is the general partner. The provisions of the warrants beneficially owned by the reporting person restrict the exercise of such securities to the extent that after such exercise the holder and its Attribution Parties (as defined in the warrants) would beneficially own in excess of 4.99% of the total number of shares of the Issuer then outstanding (the "Ownership Cap"). Accordingly, notwithstanding the number of shares reported, the reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of such warrants to the extent that upon such exercise the number of shares beneficially owned by all reporting persons hereunder, in the aggregate, would exceed the Ownership Cap.

| 1. | NAME OF REPORTING I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION | ON NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY) | | |
|------------------------|---|--|--------------|--|
| | Deerfield Management Company, L.P. | | | |
| 2. | CHECK THE APPROI | PRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* | (a) (b) | |
| 3. | SEC USE ONLY | | | |
| 4. | CITIZENSHIP OR PL | ACE OF ORGANIZATION | | |
| | Delaware | | | |
| | 5. | SOLE VOTING POWER | | |
| NUMBER OF | | 0 | | |
| SHARES BENEFICIALLY | 6. | SHARED VOTING POWER | | |
| OWNED BY | | 10,000,000 (2) | | |
| EACH REPORTING | 7. | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER | | |
| PERSON WITH | | 0 | | |
| WIIH | 8. | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER | | |
| | | 10,000,000 (2) | | |
| 9. | AGGREGATE AMOU | NT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON | | |
| | 10,000,000 (2) | | | |
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| 11. | PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9 | | | |
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⁽²⁾ Comprised of 5,000,000 shares of common stock and warrants to purchase 5,000,000 shares of common stock (subject to any further adjustments that may be applicable) held by Deerfield Partners, L.P., of which Deerfield Management Company, L.P. is the investment advisor. The provisions of the warrants beneficially owned by the reporting person restrict the exercise of such securities to the extent that after such exercise the holder and its Attribution Parties (as defined in the warrants) would beneficially own in excess of 4.99% of the total number of shares of the Issuer then outstanding (the "Ownership Cap"). Accordingly, notwithstanding the number of shares reported, the reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of such warrants to the extent that upon such exercise the number of shares beneficially owned by all reporting persons hereunder, in the aggregate, would exceed the Ownership Cap.

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| | Deerfield Partners, L.P. | | | |
| 2. | CHECK THE APPROP | PRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* | (a) □ (b) ⊠ | |
| 3. | SEC USE ONLY | | | |
| 4. | CITIZENSHIP OR PLA | ACE OF ORGANIZATION | | |
| | Delaware | | | |
| | 5. | SOLE VOTING POWER | | |
| NUMBER OF | | 0 | | |
| SHARES | 6. | SHARED VOTING POWER | | |
| BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY | | 40,000,000 (7) | | |
| EACH | 7. | 10,000,000 (3) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER | | |
| REPORTING PERSON | , · | SOLE DISPOSITIVE FOWER | | |
| WITH | | 0 | | |
| | 8. | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER | | |
| | | 10,000,000 (3) | | |
| 9. | AGGREGATE AMOU | NT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON | | |
| | 10,000,000 (3) | | | |
| 10. | CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES* | | | |
| 11. | PERCENT OF CLASS | REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9 | | |
| | 0.170/ | | | |
| 12. | 8.17% TYPE OF REPORTING | C DERSON* | | |
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| | PN | | | |

(3) Comprised of 5,000,000 shares of common stock and warrants to purchase 5,000,000 shares of common stock (subject to any further adjustments that may be applicable). The provisions of the warrants beneficially owned by the reporting person restrict the exercise of such securities to the extent that after such exercise the holder and its Attribution Parties (as defined in the warrants) would beneficially own in excess of 4.99% of the total number of shares of the Issuer then outstanding (the "Ownership Cap"). Accordingly, notwithstanding the number of shares reported, the reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of such warrants to the extent that upon such exercise the number of shares beneficially owned by all reporting persons hereunder, in the aggregate, would exceed the Ownership Cap.

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| 1. | NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS | | | | |
| | I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY) | | | | |
| | James E. Flynn | | | | |
| 2. | CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* | | | | |
| | | | (b) ⊠ | | |
| 3. | SEC USE ONLY | | | | |
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| 4. | CITIZENSHIP OR PL | ACE OF ORGANIZATION | | | |
| | United States | | | | |
| | 5. | SOLE VOTING POWER | | | |
| NUMBER OF | | 0 | | | |
| SHARES | 6. | SHARED VOTING POWER | | | |
| BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY | | 10,000,000 (4) | | | |
| EACH | 7. | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER | | | |
| REPORTING PERSON | , , | | | | |
| WITH | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | 8. | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER | | | |
| | | 10,000,000 (4) | | | |
| 9. | AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON | | | | |
| | 10,000,000 (4) | | | | |
| 10. | CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES* | | | | |
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| 11. | PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9 | | | | |
| | 0.450/ | | | | |
| 12. | 8.17% TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON* | | | | |
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(4) Comprised of 5,000,000 shares of common stock and warrants to purchase 5,000,000 shares of common stock (subject to any further adjustments that may be applicable) held by Deerfield Partners, L.P. The provisions of the warrants beneficially owned by the reporting person restrict the exercise of such securities to the extent that after such exercise the holder and its Attribution Parties (as defined in the warrants) would beneficially own in excess of 4.99% of the total number of shares of the Issuer then outstanding (the "Ownership Cap"). Accordingly, notwithstanding the number of shares reported, the reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of such warrants to the extent that upon such exercise the number of shares beneficially owned by all reporting persons hereunder, in the aggregate, would exceed the Ownership Cap.

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| Item 1(a). | Name | e of Issuer: | | |
| | Espei | rion Therapeutics, l | nc. | |
| Item 1(b). | Addr | ess of Issuer's Princ | ripal Executive Offices: | |
| | | anchero Drive, Suit Arbor, MI 48108 | e 150 | |
| Item 2(a). | Name | e of Person Filing: | | |
| | Jame | s E. Flynn, Deerfie | d Mgmt, L.P., Deerfield Management Company, L.P. and Deerfield Partners, L.P. | |
| Item 2(b). | Addr | ess of Principal Bu | siness Office, or if None, Residence: | |
| | | s E. Flynn, Deerfie York, NY 10010 | d Mgmt, L.P., Deerfield Management Company, L.P. and Deerfield Partners, L.P., 3 | 45 Park Avenue South, 12th Floor, |
| Item 2(c). | Citize | enship: | | |
| | Deer | field Mgmt, L.P., D | eerfield Management Company, L.P. and Deerfield Partners, L.P Delaware limited | l partnerships; |
| | Jame | s E. Flynn – United | States citizen | |
| Item 2(d). | Title | of Class of Securiti | es: | |
| | Comi | mon Stock, par valı | ne \$0.001 per share | |
| Item 2(e). | CUS | IP Number: | | |
| | 2966 | 4W105 | | |
| Item 3. | If Th | is Statement is File | d Pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c), Check Whether the Person Filing is | a: |
| (a) | | Broker or dealer re | egistered under Section 15 of the Exchange Act. | |
| (b) | | Bank as defined in | Section 3(a)(6) of the Exchange Act. | |
| (c) | | Insurance compan | y as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Exchange Act. | |
| (d) | | Investment compa | ny registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act. | |
| (e) | | An investment adv | viser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E); | |
| (f) | | An employee bene | efit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F); | |
| (g) | | A parent holding of | company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G); | |
| (h) | | A savings associat | ion as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act; | |
| (i) | | A church plan that | is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of | of the Investment Company Act; |

Deerfield Mgmt, L.P. - 10,000,000

Deerfield Partners, L.P. - 10,000,000 James E. Flynn – 10,000,000

Deerfield Management Company, L.P. - 10,000,000

Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:

(iv)

^{**}See footnotes on cover pages which are incorporated by reference herein.

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 \Box .

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

If any other person is known to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, such securities, a statement to that effect should be included in response to this item and, if such interest relates to more than five percent of the class, such person should be identified. A listing of the shareholders of an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 or the beneficiaries of employee benefit plan, pension fund or endowment fund is not required.

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.

If a parent holding company or Control person has filed this schedule, pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G), so indicate under Item 3(g) and attach an exhibit stating the identity and the Item 3 classification of the relevant subsidiary. If a parent holding company or control person has filed this schedule pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c) or Rule 13d-1(d), attach an exhibit stating the identification of the relevant subsidiary.

N/A

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

If a group has filed this schedule pursuant to ss.240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), so indicate under Item 3(j) and attach an exhibit stating the identity and Item 3 classification of each member of the group. If a group has filed this schedule pursuant to ss.240.13d-1(c) or ss.240.13d-1(d), attach an exhibit stating the identity of each member of the group.

See Exhibit B

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Notice of dissolution of a group may be furnished as an exhibit stating the date of the dissolution and that all further filings with respect to transactions in the security reported on will be filed, if required, by members of the group, in their individual capacity. See Item 5.

N/A

Item 10. Certifications.

"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, other than activities solely in connection with a nomination under §240.14a–11."

SIGNATURE

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

DEERFIELD MGMT, L.P.

By: J.E. Flynn Capital, LLC, General Partner

By: /s/ Jonathan Isler

Jonathan Isler, Attorney-In-Fact

DEERFIELD MANAGEMENT COMPANY, L.P.

By: Flynn Management LLC, General Partner

By: /s/ Jonathan Isler

Jonathan Isler, Attorney-In-Fact

DEERFIELD PARTNERS, L.P.

By: Deerfield Mgmt, L.P., General Partner By: J.E. Flynn Capital, LLC, General Partner

By: /s/ Jonathan Isler

Jonathan Isler, Attorney-In-Fact

JAMES E. FLYNN

/s/ Jonathan Isler

Jonathan Isler, Attorney-In-Fact

Date: December 7, 2021

Exhibit List

Exhibit A. Joint Filing Agreement.

Exhibit B. Item 8 Statement.

Exhibit C. Power of Attorney (1).

(1) Power of Attorney previously filed as Exhibit 24 to a Form 4 with regard to DA32 Life Science Tech Acquisition Corp. filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 3, 2021 by Deerfield Partners, L.P., Deerfield Mgmt, L.P., Deerfield Management Company, L.P. and James E. Flynn.

Exhibit A

Joint Filing Agreement

The undersigned agree that this Schedule 13G, and all amendments thereto, relating to the Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of Esperion Therapeutics, Inc. shall be filed on behalf of the undersigned.

DEERFIELD MGMT, L.P.

By: J.E. Flynn Capital, LLC, General Partner

By: /s/ Jonathan Isler

Jonathan Isler, Attorney-In-Fact

DEERFIELD MANAGEMENT COMPANY, L.P.

By: Flynn Management LLC, General Partner

By: /s/ Jonathan Isler

Jonathan Isler, Attorney-In-Fact

DEERFIELD PARTNERS, L.P.

By: Deerfield Mgmt, L.P., General Partner By: J.E. Flynn Capital, LLC, General Partner

By: /s/ Jonathan Isler

Jonathan Isler, Attorney-In-Fact

JAMES E. FLYNN

/s/ Jonathan Isler

Jonathan Isler, Attorney-In-Fact

Exhibit B

| Due to the relationships between them, t | the reporting persons hereunder may be deemed to cons | stitute a "group" | with one another for purpo | ses of |
|--|---|-------------------|----------------------------|--------|
| Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of | of 1934. | | | |