## SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

#### SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Bellerophon Therapeutics, Inc.
(Name of Issuer)
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share
(Title of Class of Securities)
078771102
· (CUSIP Number)
Theodore Wang, Puissance Capital Fund (GP) LLC
950 Third Avenue, 25th Floor, New York, NY 10022
(212) 878-3702
(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)
September 29, 2017
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of  $\S240.13d-1(e)$ , 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box.  $\Box$ 

*Note*: Schedules filed in paper format shall include a signed original and five copies of the schedule, including all exhibits. *See* §240.13d-7 for other parties to whom copies are to be sent.

\*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 disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on 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*).

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#### Item 1. Security and Issuer.

This statement relates to the common stock, \$0.001 par value (the "Common Stock"), of Bellerophon Therapeutics, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Issuer"). The address of the principal executive offices of the Issuer is 184 Liberty Corner Road, Suite 302, Warren, NJ 07059.

#### Item 2. Identity and Background.

- (a) The persons filing this statement are Puissance Cross-Border Opportunities III LLC, a limited liability company registered in the Cayman Islands ("Puissance Cross-Border Opportunities III"), Puissance Capital Fund (GP) LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Puissance GP"), Puissance Capital Management LP, a Delaware limited partnership ("Puissance Capital Management"), Puissance Capital Management (GP) LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("Puissance Capital Management GP") and Theodore Wang, a United States citizen ("Mr. Wang" and collectively with Puissance Cross-Border Opportunities III, Puissance GP, Puissance Capital Management and Puissance Capital Management GP, the "Reporting Persons").
- (b) The business address for each of the Reporting Persons is 950 Third Avenue, 25th Floor, New York, NY 10022.
- (c) Puissance GP serves as the general partner of Puissance Cross-Border Opportunities III, a private investment fund. Puissance Capital Management serves as the investment manager of Puissance Cross-Border Opportunities III. Puissance Capital Management GP serves as the general partner to Puissance Capital Management. Mr. Wang serves as the managing member of both Puissance GP and Puissance Capital Management.
- (d) During the past five years, none of the Reporting Persons, nor, to the knowledge of any of the Reporting Persons, any officer, director or control person of any of the Reporting Persons, has been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors).
- (e) During the past five years, none of the Reporting Persons, nor, to the knowledge of any of the Reporting Persons, any officer, director or control person of any of the Reporting Persons, has been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction, pursuant to which such person, was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.
- (f) See subsection (a) of this Item 2 and Item 6 of the attached cover pages.

#### Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

The funds for the purchase of the 8,298,755 shares of Common Stock directly owned by Puissance Cross-Border Opportunities III and deemed to be beneficially owned by Puissance GP, Puissance Capital Management, Puissance Capital Management GP and Mr. Wang came from the working capital of Puissance Cross-Border Opportunities III. The net investment costs of the 8,298,755 shares of Common Stock and Warrants were \$10,000,000. The purchase price of one share of Common Stock and one Warrant to purchase one share of common stock is \$1.205. The exercise price of the Warrant is \$1.242. No borrowed funds were used to purchase the shares of Common Stock, other than any borrowed funds used for working capital purposes in the ordinary course of business.

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#### Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

The 8,298,755 shares of Common Stock and Warrants held by the Reporting Persons were acquired for investment purposes in the ordinary course of the Reporting Persons' investment activities.

The Reporting Persons intend to closely evaluate the performance of the Issuer, including, but not limited to, its share price, business, assets, operations, financial condition, capital structure, management's performance and prospects of the Issuer. In addition, the Reporting Persons reserve the right to, without limitation, acquire additional Common Stock, dispose of all or some of the Common Stock they currently hold from time to time, in each case in open market or private transactions, block sales or purchases or otherwise, or may continue to hold the Common Stock. Further, the Reporting Persons reserve the right to revise their plans or intentions and to take any and all actions that they may deem appropriate to maximize the value of their investment in the Issuer in light of their general investment policies, market conditions, and subsequent developments affecting the Issuer. The Reporting Persons further reserve the right to act in concert with any other shareholders of the Issuer, or other persons, for a common purpose should it determine to do so, and/or to recommend courses of action to the Issuer's management, the Issuer's Board of Directors, the Issuer's shareholders and others.

The Reporting Persons have no plans or proposals as of the date of this filing which, other than as set forth above, relate to, or would result in, any of the actions enumerated in clauses (a) through (j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D.

#### Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Company.

(a)-(b) As of the date hereof, Puissance Cross-Border Opportunities III may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of 8,298,755 shares of Common Stock, representing approximately 15.1%<sup>(1)</sup> of the total issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock. Puissance Cross-Border Opportunities III has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of 0 shares of Common Stock and the shared power to vote or direct the vote of 8,298,755 shares of Common Stock. Puissance Cross-Border Opportunities III has the sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of 0 shares of Common Stock and the shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of 8,298,755 shares of Common Stock.

As of the date hereof, Puissance GP may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of 8,298,755 shares of Common Stock, representing approximately 15.1%<sup>(1)</sup> of the total issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock. Puissance GP has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of 0 shares of Common Stock and the shared power to vote or direct the vote of 8,298,755 shares of Common Stock. Puissance GP has the sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of 0 shares of Common Stock and the shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of 8,298,755 shares of Common Stock.

As of the date hereof, Puissance Capital Management may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of 8,298,755 shares of Common Stock, representing approximately 15.1%<sup>(1)</sup> of the total issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock. Puissance Capital Management has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of 0 shares of Common Stock and the shared power to vote or direct the vote of 8,298,755 shares of Common Stock. Puissance Capital Management has the sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of 0 shares of Common Stock and the shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of 8,298,755 shares of Common Stock.

As of the date hereof, Puissance Capital Management GP may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of 8,298,755 shares of Common Stock, representing approximately

15.1%<sup>(1)</sup> of the total issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock. Puissance Capital Management GP has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of 0 shares of Common Stock and the shared power to vote or direct the vote of 8,298,755 shares of Common Stock. Puissance Capital Management GP has the sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of 0 shares of Common Stock and the shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of 8,298,755 shares of Common Stock.

As of the date hereof, Mr. Wang may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of 8,298,755 shares of Common Stock, representing approximately 15.1%<sup>(1)</sup> of the total issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock. Mr. Wang has the sole power to vote or direct the vote of 0 shares of Common Stock and the shared power to vote or direct the vote of 8,298,755 shares of Common Stock. Mr. Wang has the sole power to dispose or direct the disposition of 0 shares of Common Stock and the shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of 8,298,755 shares of Common Stock.

- (c) On September 29, 2017, Puissance Cross-Border Opportunities III purchased 8,298,755 shares of Common Stock at a price of \$1.205 per share in a private placement. The Issuer granted Puissance Cross-Border Opportunities III warrants to purchase 8,298,755 shares of Common Stock at an exercise price of \$1.242 per share. The Warrants are set exercisable on March 29, 2018 and expires on September 29, 2022. No other transactions in the Common Stock were effected by the Reporting Persons within the past 60 days.
- (d) No 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 the shares owned by it individually.
- (e) Not applicable.
- Based on 54,960,068 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of September 29, 2017, based on the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by the Issuer on September 27, 2017.

# Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Company.

On September 26, 2017, Puissance Cross-Border Opportunities III and the Issuer entered into a securities purchase agreement (the "Securities Purchase Agreement") pursuant to which Puissance Cross-Border Opportunities III agreed to purchase shares of Common Stock in a private placement. Under the terms of the Securities Purchase Agreement, Puissance Cross-Border Opportunities III agreed to purchase 8,298,755 shares of Common Stock at \$1.205. The Securities Purchase Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

On September 29, 2017, Puissance Cross-Border Opportunities III and the Issuer entered into a form of warrant agreement (the "Form of Warrant") pursuant to which the Issuer grants Puissance Cross-Border Opportunities III the Warrants to purchase 8,298,775 shares of Common Stock that exercisable on March 29, 2018 and expires on September 29, 2022 with an exercise price of \$1.242 per share.

Concurrently with the execution of the Securities Purchase Agreement, Puissance Cross-Border Opportunities III and the Issuer entered into a registration rights agreement (the "Registration Rights Agreement") pursuant to which the Issuer agreed to register the Common Stock purchased by Puissance under the Securities Purchase Agreement for resale under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

### Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits.

Exhibit A: Securities Purchase Agreement Exhibit B: Form of Warrant Exhibit C: Registration Rights Agreement

#### **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.

Dated: October 4, 2017

#### PUISSANCE CROSS-BORDER OPPORTUNITIES II LLC\*

By: Puissance Capital Fund (GP) LLC,

its general partner

Name: Theodore Wang
Title: Managing Member

PUISSANCE CAPITAL FUND (GP) LLC\*

By: Name: Theodore Wang

Title: Managing Member

PUISSANCE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LP\*

By: Puissance Capital Management (GP) LLC,

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PUISSANCE CAPITAL MANAGEMENT (GP) LLC\*

By: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Name: Theodore Wang

Title: Managing Member

Theodore Wang\*

<sup>\*</sup> The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the reported securities except to the extent of its pecuniary interests therein, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that such person is the beneficial owner of these securities for purposes of Section 16 of the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.