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

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**SCHEDULE 14D-9**  
(Rule 14d-101)  
(Amendment No. 8)

**SOLICITATION/RECOMMENDATION STATEMENT  
UNDER SECTION 14(d)(4) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

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**Spark Therapeutics, Inc.**  
(Name of Subject Company)

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**Spark Therapeutics, Inc.**  
(Name of Person(s) Filing Statement)

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**COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$0.001 PER SHARE**  
(Title of Class of Securities)

**84652J103**  
(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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This Amendment No. 8 (this “*Amendment No. 8*”) amends and supplements the Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 (as amended or supplemented from time to time, the “*Schedule 14D-9*”) filed by Spark Therapeutics, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “*Company*,” “*Spark*,” “*we*” or “*us*”), with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “*SEC*”) on March 7, 2019.

The Schedule 14D-9 relates to the cash tender offer (the “*Offer*”) by 022019 Merger Subsidiary, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“*Merger Sub*”), a wholly owned subsidiary of Roche Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“*Roche Holdings*”), to acquire all of the issued and outstanding shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the “*Shares*” and each, a “*Share*”), at a price per Share equal to \$114.50, net to the seller of such Shares in cash, without interest, subject to any withholding of taxes required by applicable law. The Offer is disclosed in the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO (together with any amendments or supplements thereto, the “*Schedule TO*”), filed by Roche Holdings and Merger Sub with the SEC on March 7, 2019, and is made upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase, dated March 7, 2019 (together with any amendments or supplements thereto, the “*Offer to Purchase*”), and in the related Letter of Transmittal.

The information in the Schedule 14D-9, including all exhibits and annexes that were previously filed with the Schedule 14D-9, is incorporated in this Amendment No. 8 by reference, except that such information is hereby amended or supplemented to the extent specifically provided herein. Capitalized terms used herein and not defined shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Schedule 14D-9 and page number references herein refer to the Schedule 14D-9.

**Item 2. Identity and Background of Filing Persons; Item 8. Additional Information**

1. Item 2 of the Schedule 14D-9 is hereby amended and supplemented by replacing the fourth paragraph in the section titled “**Tender Offer and Merger**” in its entirety with the following:

“Merger Sub commenced (within the meaning of Rule 14d-2 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”)) the Offer on March 7, 2019. The Offer was previously scheduled to expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on September 3, 2019. On September 3, 2019, pursuant to the terms of the Merger Agreement, Roche Holdings extended the expiration of the Offer. The expiration date of the Offer is extended to 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on October 1, 2019, subject to further extension in certain circumstances as required or permitted by the Merger Agreement. On September 3, 2019, Roche Holdings issued a press release announcing the extension of the Offer. The full text of the press release is filed as Exhibit (a)(5)(R) to this Schedule 14D-9.”

2. Items 2 and 8 of the Schedule 14D-9 are hereby amended and supplemented by replacing all references to “5:00 p.m., New York City time, on September 3, 2019” with “5:00 p.m., New York City time, on October 1, 2019”.

**Item 9. Exhibits**

Item 9 of the Schedule 14D-9 is hereby amended and supplemented by adding the following Exhibits to the list of Exhibits:

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
(a)(5)(R)	Press Release issued by Roche Holdings, Inc. on September 3, 2019 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit (a)(5)(xxiv) to the Schedule TO).

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*SIGNATURE*

After due 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: September 3, 2019

Spark Therapeutics, Inc.

By: /s/ Joseph W. La Barge

Name: Joseph W. La Barge

Title: Chief Legal Officer