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

## **SCHEDULE 13G**

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No. )\*

Kiromic Biopharma, Inc. (Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.001

(Title of Class of Securities)

497634105

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2022

(Date of event which requires filing of this statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule 13G is filed:

 $\boxtimes$  Rule 13d-1(b)

 $\Box$  Rule 13d-1(c)

 $\Box$  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 ("Act") 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	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS				
-	Empery Asset Management, LP				
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) (b)				
3	SEC USE ONLY				
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Delaware				
	5	SOLE VOTING POWER 0			
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY	6	SHARED VOTING POWER 491,554 shares of Common Stock 4,898,044 shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion of Notes (See Item 4)*			
OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0			
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 491,554 shares of Common Stock 4,898,044 shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion of Notes (See Item 4)*			
9	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 491,554 shares of Common Stock 4,898,044 shares of Common Stock issuable upon conversion of Notes (See Item 4)*				
10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES				
11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) 9.99% (See Item 4)*				
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON PN				

\* As more fully described in Item 4, the Notes are subject to a 9.99% blocker, and the percentage set forth in row (11) gives effect to such blockers. However, as more fully described in Item 4, the securities reported in rows (6), (8) and (9) show the number of shares of Common Stock that would be issuable upon full conversion of such reported securities and do not give effect to such blockers. Therefore, the actual number of shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by such Reporting Person, after giving effect to such blockers, is less than the number of securities reported in rows (6), (8) and (9).

1	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS Ryan M. Lane				
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) (b)				
3	SEC USE ONLY				
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION United States				
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	5	SOLE VOTING POWER 0			
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1	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS Martin D. Hoe				
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP				
3	SEC USE ONLY				
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION United States				
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	5	SOLE VOTING POWER 0			
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## Item 1(a). NAME OF ISSUER:

The name of the issuer is Kiromic Biopharma, Inc. (the "Company").

# Item 1(b). ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES:

The Company's principal executive offices are located at 7707 Fannin Street, Suite 140, Houston, TX 77054.

# Item 2(a). NAME OF PERSON FILING:

This statement is filed by the entities and persons listed below, who are collectively referred to herein as "<u>Reporting</u> <u>Persons</u>," with respect to the Common Stock (as defined in Item 2(d) below) of the Company:

## Investment Manager

(i) Empery Asset Management, LP (the "<u>Investment Manager</u>"), with respect to the shares of Common Stock held by, and underlying the Reported Notes (as defined below) held by, funds to which the Investment Manager serves as investment manager (the "<u>Empery Funds</u>").

## **Reporting Individuals**

(ii) Mr. Ryan M. Lane ("<u>Mr. Lane</u>"), with respect to the shares of Common Stock held by, and underlying the Reported Notes held by, the Empery Funds.

(iii) Mr. Martin D. Hoe ("<u>Mr. Hoe</u>"), with respect to the shares of Common Stock held by, and underlying the Reported Notes held by, the Empery Funds.

The Investment Manager serves as the investment manager to each of the Empery Funds. Each of Mr. Lane and Mr. Hoe (the "<u>Reporting Individuals</u>") is a Managing Member of Empery AM GP, LLC (the "<u>General Partner</u>"), the general partner of the Investment Manager.

# Item 2a). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE:

The address of the business office of each of the Reporting Persons is:

1 Rockefeller Plaza, Suite 1205 New York, New York 10020

# Item 2b). CITIZENSHIP:

Citizenship is set forth in Row 4 of the cover page for each Reporting Person hereto and is incorporated herein by reference for each such Reporting Person.

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Item 2(d).	TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES:				
	Common	Stock,	par value \$0.001 (the " <u>Common Stock</u> ")		
Item 2(e).	CUSIP N	UMB	ER:		
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Item 3.	IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13d-1(b) OR 13d-2(b) OR (c), CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A:				
	(a)		Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act,		
	(b)		Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act,		
	(c)		Insurance Company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act,		
	(d)		Investment Company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1	940,	
	(e)	$\times$	Investment Adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1	.940,	
	(f)		Employee Benefit Plan or Endowment Fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(	(F),	
	(g)		Parent Holding Company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(d	Э),	
	(h)		Savings Association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act,		
	(i)		Church Plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Sec the Investment Company Act of 1940,	ction 3(c)(14) of	
	(j)		A non-U.S. institution in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J);		
	(k)		Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K).		
			n-U.S. institution in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please of institution:		

# Item 4. OWNERSHIP.

The information as of the date of the event which requires filing of this statement required by Items 4(a) - (c) is set forth in Rows 5 – 11 of the cover page for each Reporting Person hereto and is incorporated herein by reference for each such Reporting Person. The percentage set forth in Row 11 of the cover page for each Reporting Person is based on 18,246,718 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of November 14, 2022, as represented in the Company's Quarterly Report filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 14, 2022 on Form 10-Q and assumes the conversion of the Company's reported notes (the "<u>Reported Notes</u>") subject to the Blockers (as defined below).

Pursuant to the terms of the Reported Notes, the Reporting Persons cannot convert the Reported Notes to the extent the Reporting Persons would beneficially own, after any such conversion, more than 9.99% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock (the "<u>Blockers</u>"), and the percentage set forth in Row 11 of the cover page for each Reporting Person gives effect to the Blockers. Consequently, as of the date of the event which requires the filing of this statement, the Reporting Persons were not able to convert all of the Reported Notes due to the Blockers.

The Investment Manager, which serves as the investment manager to the Empery Funds, may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of all shares of Common Stock held by, and underlying the Reported Notes (subject to the Blockers) held by, the Empery Funds. Each of the Reporting Individuals, as Managing Members of the General Partner of the Investment Manager with the power to exercise investment discretion, may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of all shares of Common Stock held by, and underlying the Reported Notes (subject to the Blockers) held by, the Empery Funds. The foregoing should not be construed in and of itself as an admission by any Reporting Person as to beneficial ownership of shares of Common Stock owned by another Reporting Person. Each of the Empery Funds and the Reporting Individuals hereby disclaims any beneficial ownership of any such shares of Common Stock.

# Item 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS.

Not applicable.

# Item 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON.

See Item 2(a) above.

# Item 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY.

Not applicable.

### Item 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP.

Not applicable.

# Item 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP.

Not applicable.

# Item 10. CERTIFICATION.

Each of the Reporting Persons hereby makes the following certification:

By signing below each Reporting Person certifies that, to the best of its 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.

### **SIGNATURES**

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

DATED: January 12, 2023

EMPERY ASSET MANAGEMENT, LP By: EMPERY AM GP, LLC, its General Partner

By: <u>/s/ Ryan M. Lane</u> Name: Ryan M. Lane Title: Managing Member

/s/ Ryan M. Lane Ryan M. Lane

/s/ Martin D. Hoe Martin D. Hoe

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### **EXHIBIT 1**

## JOINT ACQUISITION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1(k)

The undersigned acknowledge and agree that the foregoing statement on Schedule 13G is filed on behalf of each of the undersigned and that all subsequent amendments to this statement on Schedule 13G shall be filed on behalf of each of the undersigned without the necessity of filing additional joint acquisition statements. The undersigned acknowledge that each shall be responsible for the timely filing of such amendments, and for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning him or it contained therein, but shall not be responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning the others, except to the extent that he or it knows or has reason to believe that such information is inaccurate.

DATED: January 12, 2023

## EMPERY ASSET MANAGEMENT, LP By: EMPERY AM GP, LLC, its General Partner

By: /s/ Ryan M. Lane

Name: Ryan M. Lane Title: Managing Member

/s/ Ryan M. Lane Ryan M. Lane

/s/ Martin D. Hoe Martin D. Hoe