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

**SCHEDULE 13D**

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 3)\*

**Bellus Health Inc.**

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(Name of Issuer)

**COMMON STOCK**

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(Title of Class of Securities)

**07987C204**

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(CUSIP Number)

**OrbiMed Advisors LLC**

**OrbiMed Capital GP VII LLC**

**601 Lexington Avenue, 54th Floor  
New York, NY 10022  
Telephone: (212) 739-6400**

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to  
Receive Notices and Communications)

**August 30, 2021**

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(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 §§240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following 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(b) 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 ("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).

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1	Names of Reporting Persons. OrbiMed Advisors LLC	
2	Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions). (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC Use Only	
4	Source of Funds (See Instructions) AF	
5	Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e) <input type="checkbox"/>	
6	Citizenship or Place of Organization Delaware	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	Sole Voting Power 0
	8	Shared Voting Power 2,954,800
	9	Sole Dispositive Power 0
	10	Shared Dispositive Power 2,954,800
11	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 2,954,800	
12	Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) <input type="checkbox"/>	
13	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11) 3.8%*	
14	Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) IA	

\* This percentage is calculated based upon 78,337,361 shares of common stock outstanding of Bellus Health Inc. (the "Issuer"), as set forth in the Issuer's Annual Report on Form 40-F filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 25, 2021.

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## Item 1. Security and Issuer

This Amendment No. 3 (“Amendment No. 3”) supplements and amends the statement on Schedule 13D (the “Statement”) originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on September 18, 2019 as amended by Amendment No. 1 filed with the SEC on June 11, 2020, and amendment No. 2 filed with the SEC on October 23, 2020 (“Amendment No. 2”). The Statement relates to the common stock (the “Shares”) of Bellus Health Inc., a corporation organized under the Canada Business Corporations Act (the “Issuer”), with its principal executive offices located at 275 Armand-Frappier Boulevard, Laval, Quebec H7V 4A7, Canada. The Shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange, or “TSX”, under the symbol “BLU” and on the NASDAQ Global Market under the ticker symbol “BLU”. Information given in response to each item shall be deemed incorporated by reference in all other items, as applicable.

This Amendment No. 3 is being filed to report that the beneficial ownership of the outstanding Shares held by the Reporting Persons was reduced by more than 1% since the last filing, and the Reporting Persons ceased to own more than 5% of the Shares, following the transaction described in Item 5(c) below.

## Item 2. Identity and Background

(a) This Schedule 13D is being filed by OrbiMed Advisors LLC (“OrbiMed Advisors”) and OrbiMed Capital GP VII LLC (“OrbiMed GP”) (collectively, the “Reporting Persons”).

(b) — (c), (f) OrbiMed Advisors, a limited liability company organized under the laws of Delaware and a registered investment adviser under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, as amended, is the managing member or general partner of certain entities as more particularly described in Item 6 below. OrbiMed Advisors has its principal offices at 601 Lexington Avenue, 54th Floor, New York, New York 10022.

OrbiMed GP, a limited liability company organized under the laws of Delaware, is the general partner of a limited partnership as more particularly described in Item 6 below. OrbiMed GP has its principal offices at 601 Lexington Avenue, 54th Floor, New York, New York 10022.

The directors and executive officers of OrbiMed Advisors and OrbiMed GP are set forth on Schedules I and II, respectively, attached hereto. Schedules I and II set forth the following information with respect to each such person:

- (i) name;
- (ii) business address;
- (iii) present principal occupation of employment and the name, principal business and address of any corporation or other organization in which such employment is conducted; and
- (iv) citizenship.

(d) — (e) During the last five years, neither the Reporting Persons nor any Person named in Schedules I or II has been (i) convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) or (ii) a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding 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.

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

Not applicable.

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#### Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

The Shares were initially acquired by the Reporting Persons for the purpose of making an investment in the Issuer and not with the intention of acquiring control of the Issuer's business on behalf of the Reporting Persons' respective advisory clients.

The Reporting Persons from time to time intend to review their investment in the Issuer on the basis of various factors, including the Issuer's business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects, general economic and industry conditions, the securities markets in general and those for the Issuer's Shares in particular, as well as other developments and other investment opportunities. Based upon such review, the Reporting Persons will take such actions in the future as the Reporting Persons may deem appropriate in light of the circumstances existing from time to time. If the Reporting Persons believe that further investment in the Issuer is attractive, whether because of the market price of Shares or otherwise, they may acquire Shares or other securities of the Issuer either in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions. Similarly, depending on market and other factors, the Reporting Persons may determine to dispose of some or all of the Shares currently owned by the Reporting Persons or otherwise acquired by the Reporting Persons either in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions.

Except as set forth in this Amendment No. 3, the Reporting Persons have not formulated any plans or proposals which relate to or would result in: (a) the acquisition by any person of additional securities of the Issuer or the disposition of securities of the Issuer, (b) an extraordinary corporate transaction, such as a merger, reorganization or liquidation, involving the Issuer or any of its subsidiaries, (c) a sale or transfer of a material amount of the assets of the Issuer or any of its subsidiaries, (d) any change in the present Board of Directors or management of the Issuer, including any plans or proposals to change the number or term of directors or to fill any existing vacancies on the board, (e) any material change in the Issuer's capitalization or dividend policy of the Issuer, (f) any other material change in the Issuer's business or corporate structure, (g) any change in the Issuer's charter or bylaws or other instrument corresponding thereto or other action which may impede the acquisition of control of the Issuer by any person, (h) causing a class of the Issuer's securities to be deregistered or delisted from a national securities exchange or to cease to be authorized to be quoted in an inter-dealer quotation system of a registered national securities association, (i) a class of equity securities of the Issuer becoming eligible for termination of registration pursuant to Section 12(g)(4) of the Act or (j) any action similar to any of those enumerated above.

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

(a) — (b) The following disclosure is based upon 78,337,361 outstanding Shares, as set forth in the Issuer's Annual Report on Form 40-F filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 25, 2021.

As of the date of this filing, OrbiMed Private Investments VII, LP ("OPI VII"), a limited partnership organized under the laws of Delaware, holds 2,954,800 Shares constituting approximately 3.8% of the issued and outstanding Shares. OrbiMed GP is the general partner of OPI VII, pursuant to the terms of the limited partnership agreement of OPI VII, and OrbiMed Advisors is the managing member of OrbiMed GP, pursuant to the terms of the limited liability company agreement of OrbiMed GP. As a result, OrbiMed Advisors and OrbiMed GP share power to direct the vote and disposition of the Shares held by OPI VII and may be deemed directly or indirectly, including by reason of their mutual affiliation, to be the beneficial owners of the Shares held by OPI VII. OrbiMed Advisors exercises this investment and voting power through a management committee comprised of Carl L. Gordon, Sven H. Borho, and W. Carter Neild, each of whom disclaims beneficial ownership of the Shares held by OPI VII.

In addition, OrbiMed Advisors and OrbiMed GP, pursuant to their authority under the limited partnership agreements of OPI VII, caused OPI VII to enter into the agreements referred to in Item 6 below.

(c)

Seller	Date of Transaction	Transaction	Number of Shares	Price Per Share
OPI VII	August 30, 2021	Sold	1,000,000	\$3.65

Except as disclosed above, the Reporting Persons have not effected any transactions during the past sixty (60) days in any Shares.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) As of August 30, 2021, the Reporting Persons ceased to beneficially own more than 5% of the Shares.

**Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer**

In addition to the relationships between the Reporting Persons described in Items 2 and 5 above, OrbiMed GP is the general partner of OPI VII, pursuant to the terms of the limited partnership agreement of OPI VII. Pursuant to this agreement and relationship, OrbiMed GP has discretionary investment management authority with respect to the assets of OPI VII. Such authority includes the power to vote and otherwise dispose of securities held by OPI VII. The number of outstanding Shares of the Issuer attributable to OPI VII is 2,954,800. OrbiMed GP, pursuant to its authority under the limited partnership agreement of OPI VII, may be considered to hold indirectly 2,954,800 Shares.

OrbiMed Advisors is the managing member of OrbiMed GP, pursuant to the terms of the limited liability company agreement of OrbiMed GP. Pursuant to these agreements and relationships, OrbiMed Advisors and OrbiMed GP have discretionary investment management authority with respect to the assets of OPI VII. Such authority includes the power of OrbiMed GP to vote and otherwise dispose of securities held by OPI VII. The number of outstanding Shares attributable to OPI VII is 2,954,800 Shares. OrbiMed Advisors, pursuant to its authority under the terms of the limited liability company agreement of OrbiMed GP, may also be considered to hold indirectly 2,954,800 Shares.

**Item 7. Material to Be Filed as Exhibits**

Exhibit	Description
1.	Joint Filing Agreement among OrbiMed Advisors LLC and OrbiMed Capital GP VII LLC.



**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: September 3, 2021

ORBIMED ADVISORS LLC

By: /s/ Carl L. Gordon  
Name: Carl L. Gordon  
Title: Member

ORBIMED CAPITAL GP VII LLC

By: ORBIMED ADVISORS LLC, its managing member

By: /s/ Carl L. Gordon  
Carl L. Gordon  
Title: Member of OrbiMed Advisors LLC

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## SCHEDULE I

The names and present principal occupations of each of the executive officers and directors of OrbiMed Advisors LLC are set forth below. Unless otherwise noted, each of these persons is a United States citizen and has a business address of 601 Lexington Avenue, 54th Floor, New York, NY 10022.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position with Reporting Person</u>	<u>Principal Occupation</u>
Carl L. Gordon	Member	Member OrbiMed Advisors LLC
Sven H. Borho German and Swedish Citizen	Member	Member OrbiMed Advisors LLC
Jonathan T. Silverstein	Member	Member OrbiMed Advisors LLC
W. Carter Neild	Member	Member OrbiMed Advisors LLC
Geoffrey C. Hsu	Member	Member OrbiMed Advisors LLC
C. Scotland Stevens	Member	Member OrbiMed Advisors LLC
David P. Bonita	Member	Member OrbiMed Advisors LLC
Trey Block	Chief Financial Officer	Chief Financial Officer OrbiMed Advisors LLC

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## SCHEDULE II

The business and operations of OrbiMed Capital GP VII LLC are managed by the executive officers and directors of its managing member, OrbiMed Advisors LLC, set forth in Schedule I attached hereto.

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

The undersigned hereby agree that the Amendment No. 3 to Schedule 13D, dated September 3, 2021, with respect to the ordinary shares of Bellus Health Inc. is filed on behalf of each of us pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Rule 13d-1(k) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Each of the undersigned agrees to be responsible for the timely filing of this Statement, and for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning itself contained therein. This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, all of which taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this Agreement as of the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September 2021.

ORBIMED ADVISORS LLC

By: /s/ Carl L. Gordon  
Name: Carl L. Gordon  
Title: Member

ORBIMED CAPITAL GP VII LLC

By: ORBIMED ADVISORS LLC, its managing member

By: /s/ Carl L. Gordon  
Carl L. Gordon  
Title: Member of OrbiMed Advisors LLC

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