UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) December 17, 2019

XOMA CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

 000-14710
 Delaware

 (Commission
 (State or other jurisdiction

 File Number)
 of incorporation)

52-2154066 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

2200 Powell Street, Suite 310, Emeryville, California (Address of principal executive offices)

94608 (Zip Code)

 $Registrant's\ telephone\ number,\ including\ area\ code\ (510)\ 204-7200$

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below): Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425) Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12) Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)) Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)) Trading Name of each exchange Title of each class Symbol(s) on which registered Common Stock, par value \$0.0075 per share XOMA The Nasdaq Global Market Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter). Emerging growth company If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. \square

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On December 2, 2019, XOMA Corporation (the "Company"), announced the commencement of a rights offering to stockholders (the "Rights Offering"). In connection with the Rights Offering, the Company is filing the item included as Exhibit 5.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K for the purpose of incorporating such item as an exhibit to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-223493), to which the prospectus supplement dated December 2, 2019 relating to the Rights Offering is a part.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The following are filed as exhibits to this Current Report on Form8-K:

5.1 – Opinion of Cooley LLP

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

XOMA CORPORATION

Date: December 17, 2019

/s/ Thomas Burns

Thomas Burns

Senior Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer



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December 17, 2019

XOMA Corporation 2200 Powell Street, Suite 310 Emeryville, California 94608

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to XOMA Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the offering by the Company of 1,000,000 shares (the "Common Shares") of common stock of the Company, par value \$0.0075 (the "Common Stock").

The offering is being made pursuant to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration Statement No. 333-223493) (the "Registration Statement") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), the prospectus included in the Registration Statement (the "Base Prospectus"), and the related prospectus supplement filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) promulgated under the Act (together with the Base Prospectus, the "Prospectus") and pursuant to the non-transferable subscription rights granted by the Company to its stockholders to purchase Common Shares, as described in the Prospectus, and the right granted to BVF Partners L.P. and/or its transferee(s)/assignee(s) to purchase any Common Shares under the Prospectus (the "Oversubscription Right").

In connection with this opinion, we have examined and relied upon the Registration Statement and the Prospectus, the Company's Certificate of Incorporation, as amended, its Bylaws, as amended and originals or copies certified to our satisfaction of such records, documents, certificates, memoranda and other instruments as in our judgment are necessary or appropriate to enable us to render the opinion expressed below. We have assumed the genuineness and authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals and the conformity to originals of all documents submitted to us as copies. As to certain factual matters, we have relied upon a certificate of an officer of the Company and have not sought independently to verify such matters.

Our opinion herein is expressed solely with respect to the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware. We express no opinion to the extent that any other laws are applicable to the subject matter hereof and no opinion and provide no assurance as to compliance with any federal or state securities law, rule or regulation.

On the basis of the foregoing, and in reliance thereon, and subject to the qualifications stated herein, we are of the opinion that when issued pursuant to the nontransferable subscription rights, including the Oversubscription Right, as described in the Prospectus, against payment therefor, the Common Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

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We consent to the reference to our firm under the caption "Legal Matters" in the Prospectus and to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Form8-K to be filed with the Commission for incorporation by reference into the Registration Statement. This opinion is expressed as of the date hereof, and we disclaim any responsibility to advise you of any changes in the facts stated or assumed herein or any changes in applicable law.

Sincerely,

COOLEY LLP

By: /s/ Michael E. Tenta Michael E. Tenta

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