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

## **SCHEDULE 13G**

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

Instil Bio, Inc.				
(Name of Issuer)				
Common stock, par value \$ 0.000001 per share				
(Title of Class of Securities)				
45783C101				
(CUSIP Number)				
March 23, 2021				
(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)				
Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:				
□ Rule 13d-1(b)				
⊠ Rule 13d-1(c)				
□ Rule 13d-1(d)				
* 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 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).				

CUSIP No. <b>45783C101</b>					
1	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS				
	Vivo Capital IX, LLC				
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions)				
	(a) □				
	(b) □				
3	SEC USE ONLY				
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION				
	Delaware				
		5	SOLE VOTING POWER		
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY			12,486,787 <sup>(1)</sup>		
		6	SHARED VOTING POWER		
OWNE			0		
EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH		7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER		
			12,486,787 <sup>(1)</sup>		
		8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER		
			0		
9	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON				
	12,486,787 <sup>(1)</sup>				
10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (See Instructions)				
11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)				
	9.7% (2)				
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)				
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- (1) The shares of common stock, par value \$0.000001 per share (the "Common Stock") of Instil Bio, Inc. (the "Issuer") are held of record by Vivo Capital Fund IX, L.P. Vivo Capital IX, LLC is the general partner of Vivo Capital Fund IX, L.P.
- (2) Based on 128,212,253 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding (including the full exercise of the underwriters' over-allotment option) after the completion of the initial public offering, as disclosed in the prospectus filed by the Issuer on March 22, 2021, pursuant to Rule 424(b)(4), which forms part of the Issuer's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-253620).

<b>I</b> тем 1.	(a)	Name of Issuer:			
		Instil Bio, Inc.			
	(b)	Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:			
		3963 Maple Avenue, Suite 350			
		Dallas, Texas			
Ітем 2. (а)		Name of Person Filing:			
		Vivo Capital IX, LLC			
	(b)	Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence:			
		192 Lytton Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301			
	(c)	CITIZENSHIP:			
		Delaware limited liability company.			
	(d)	Title of Class of Securities:			
		Common stock, par value \$0.000001 per share			
	(e)	CUSIP Number:			
		45783C101			
<b>I</b> тем 3.		If This Statement is Filed Pursuant to §§ 240.13d-1(b), or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), Check Whether the Person Filing is a:			
		(a)   Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act.			
		(b) $\square$ Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act.			
		(c) $\square$ Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act.			
		(d) $\square$ Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940.			
		(e) ☐ An investment adviser in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);			
		(f) $\Box$ An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);			
		(g) $\square$ A parent holding company or control person in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(l)(ii)(G);			
		(h) $\square$ A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act;			
		(i) $\Box$ A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act;			
		(j) $\square$ A non-U.S. institution in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J);			
		(k) $\Box$ Group, in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(l)(ii)(K).			
		If filing as a non-U.S. institution in accordance with § 240.13d-1(b)(1(ii)(j), please specify the type of institution:			
	]	Not Applicable.			

#### ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP.

#### (a) Amount beneficially owned:

The 12,486,787 shares of Common Stock are held of record by Vivo Capital Fund IX, L.P. Vivo Capital IX, LLC is the general partner of Vivo Capital Fund IX, L.P. The voting members of Vivo Capital IX, LLC are Frank Kung, Edgar Engleman, Shan Fu, Hongbo Lu, Mahendra Shah, Jack Nielsen and Michael Chang, none of whom has individual voting or investment power with respect to these shares and each of whom disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.

#### (b) Percent of class:

9.7%

#### (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 12,486,787

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 0

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 12,486,787

(iv) Shared power to dispose of or to direct the disposition of: 0

### 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.

Not Applicable.

# ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY OR CONTROL PERSON.

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. CERTIFICATIONS.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my 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, other than activities solely in connection with a nomination under §240.14a11.

## 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.

## Vivo Capital IX, LLC

April 1, 2021

(Date)

/s/ Frank Kung

(Signature)

Managing Member

(Title)