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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 14, 2016

ONCOGENEX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

033-80623
(Commission
File Number)

95-4343413
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

19820 North Creek Parkway
Bothell, Washington
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

98011
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (425) 686-1500

N/A
(Former name or former address if changed since last report.)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 2.05 Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities.

On November 14, 2016, OncoGenex Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the “Company”) committed to a further reduction in the Company’s workforce in order to preserve the Company’s resources as it determines future strategic plans. The Company will eliminate five positions and estimates that it will incur approximately \$750,000 in cash expenditures as a result of the workforce reduction, substantially all of which will be severance costs. The Company expects the workforce reduction to be substantially complete in the fourth quarter of 2016.

SIGNATURES

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

Date: November 17, 2016

ONCOGENEX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

/s/ John Bencich

John Bencich
Chief Financial Officer