
**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)
January 4, 2016

AKEBIA THERAPEUTICS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-36352
(Commission
File Number)

20-8756903
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

245 First Street, Suite 1100, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02142
(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

(617) 871-2098
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable
(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:

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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 1.02 Termination of a Material Definitive Agreement.

On January 4, 2016, Akebia Therapeutics, Inc. (the “Company”) delivered written notice to Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. (“Cantor”) terminating its Controlled Equity OfferingSM Sales Agreement between the Company and Cantor dated August 11, 2015 (the “Sales Agreement”), effective on January 4, 2016. Prior to the termination, the Company had sold approximately \$18.8 million of the \$50 million of its common stock available to be sold pursuant to the Sales Agreement. No additional shares of the Company’s common stock will be sold pursuant to the Sales Agreement.

A copy of the Sales Agreement was filed as Exhibit 1.1 to the Company’s Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 11, 2015 (the “Prior Form 8-K”). The description of the Sales Agreement contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the copy of the Sales Agreement filed as Exhibit 1.1 to the Prior Form 8-K.

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.

AKEBIA THERAPEUTICS, INC.

By: /s/ John P. Butler

John P. Butler

President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: January 5, 2016