

Viking Therapeutics, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
September 18, 2015

**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): September 15, 2015**

**Viking Therapeutics, Inc.**  
**(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or Other Jurisdiction**

**001-37355**  
**(Commission**

**46-1073877**  
**(IRS Employer**

**of Incorporation)**

**File Number)**

**Identification No.)**

**12340 El Camino Real, Suite 250, San Diego, California, 92130**

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (858) 704-4660

N/A

(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:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On September 15, 2015, Michael Dinerman, M.D., the Chief Operating Officer and Secretary of Viking Therapeutics, Inc. (the Company), informed the Company of his intent to resign from his positions with the Company, effective as of September 30, 2015, to pursue other opportunities. In connection with the termination of Dr. Dinerman's employment with the Company, the Company has agreed to pay Dr. Dinerman a severance payment in consideration for Dr. Dinerman's execution, delivery and non-revocation of a general release of claims against the Company in customary form.

**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.

Date: September 18, 2015

**Viking Therapeutics, Inc.**

By: /s/ Brian Lian, Ph.D.  
Brian Lian, Ph.D.  
President and Chief Executive Officer