

PORTOLA PHARMACEUTICALS INC

Form 8-K

December 31, 2018

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): December 30, 2018

Portola Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

001-35935
(Commission

File Number)

20-0216859
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

270 E. Grand Avenue

94080

South San Francisco, California
(Address of principal executive offices) **(Zip Code)**
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (650) 246-7300

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligations of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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))
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.

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

(b)

On December 30, 2018, John H. (Jack) Lawrence, M.D. notified Portola Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the *Company*) of his decision to voluntarily resign as the Company's Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, effective immediately in order to pursue a new position with a pharmaceutical company based on the East Coast.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On December 31, 2018, the Company issued a press release entitled "U.S. Food and Drug Administration Approves Portola Pharmaceuticals' Prior Approval Supplement for Andexxa® Generation 2 Manufacturing Process". A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Number	Description of Document
99.1	<u>Press Release entitled "U.S. Food and Drug Administration Approves Portola Pharmaceuticals' Prior Approval Supplement for Andexxa® Generation 2 Manufacturing Process"</u>

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.

Portola Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Dated: December 31, 2018

By: /s/ Mike Ouimette
Mike Ouimette
Executive Director, Corporate Counsel and
Assistant Corporate Secretary