
**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): **March 28, 2016**

Eiger BioPharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-36183
(Commission
File Number)

33-0971591
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

350 Cambridge Avenue, Suite 350
Palo Alto, California
(Address of principal executive offices)

94306
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(650) 272-6138**

(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 obligations 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))
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Item 8.01. Other events.

On March 28, 2016, the Company issued a press release entitled “Eiger BioPharmaceuticals Granted Orphan Medicinal Product Designation for Ubenimex in Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension by European Medicines Agency.” A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**(d) Exhibits**

Reference is made to the Exhibit Index included with this Current Report on 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.

Dated: April 1, 2016

Eiger BioPharmaceuticals, Inc.

By: /s/ James Welch
James Welch
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release issued on March 28, 2016.

Eiger BioPharmaceuticals Granted Orphan Medicinal Product Designation for Ubenimex in Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension by European Medicines Agency

PALO ALTO, Calif., March 28, 2016 /PRNewswire/ — Eiger BioPharmaceuticals, Inc. (NASDAQ: EIGR) today announced that the European Medicines Agency (EMA) has granted Orphan Medicinal Product status to ubenimex for the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH).

“We are very pleased with the EMA Committee of Orphan Medicinal Products (COMP) designation of orphan status for ubenimex in PAH,” said Joanne Quan, MD, Chief Medical Officer at Eiger. “We will soon begin enrolling the LIBERTY study, a Phase 2, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multi-center study of ubenimex in PAH patients.”

About Ubenimex

Ubenimex is a well-characterized, oral, small-molecule, dual-inhibitor of aminopeptidase and leukotriene A₄ hydrolase (LTA₄H), the enzyme responsible for catalyzing the committed step in the formation of the pro-inflammatory mediator, LTB₄. Ubenimex is approved in Japan as an adjunct to chemotherapy agents to extend survival and to maintain remission after treatment for acute non-lymphocytic leukemia in adults. Ubenimex has been used for over 25 years in Japan and remains commercially available through Nippon Kayaku under the brand name, Bestatin™. Ubenimex is not approved for any indication in the US or Europe. Ubenimex received orphan drug designation for PAH in the US in November 2015.

About PAH

Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension is a type of high blood pressure that affects the arteries in the lungs and the right side of the heart. PAH begins when tiny arteries in the lungs, called pulmonary arterioles, become narrowed, blocked or destroyed. This makes it harder for blood to flow through the lungs, and raises pressure within the lungs’ arteries. As the pressure builds, the heart’s lower right chamber (right ventricle) must work harder to pump blood through the lungs, eventually causing the heart muscle to weaken and eventually fail. PAH is a progressive, life-threatening illness.

About Orphan Medicinal Product Designation

Orphan medicinal products are intended for the diagnosis, prevention or treatment of life-threatening or very serious conditions that affect no more than 5 in 10,000 people in the European Union. Orphan medicinal product designation qualifies the sponsor of the drug candidate for various development incentives, which may include fee waivers for regulatory procedures or a 10-year market exclusivity period following approval. Orphan

medicinal product designation applies specifically to the active moiety and the indication for which it is granted, and is not applicable to other indications for that moiety.

About Eiger

Eiger is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company committed to bringing to market products for the treatment of rare diseases. The Company has built a diverse, clinical-stage portfolio of product candidates with the potential to address diseases for which the unmet medical need is high, the biology is clear and an effective therapy is urgently needed.

Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements that involve substantial risks and uncertainties. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included in this press release regarding our strategy, future operations, future financial position, future revenue, projected expenses, prospects, plans and objectives, intentions, beliefs and expectations of management are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements may be accompanied by such words as “anticipate,” “believe,” “could,” “estimate,” “expect,” “forecast,” “intend,” “may,” “plan,” “potential,” “project,” “target,” “will” and other words and terms of similar meaning. Examples of such statements include, but are not limited to, whether or not ubenimex may be further developed and approved, statements relating to the availability of cash for Eiger’s future operations, Eiger’s ability to develop its drug candidates for potential commercialization, the timing of the commencement and completion of Phase 2 trials. Eiger may not actually achieve the plans, carry out the intentions or meet the expectations or projections disclosed in our forward-looking statements and one should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. Actual results or events could differ materially from the plans, intentions, expectations and projections disclosed in the forward-looking statements. Various important factors could cause actual results or events to differ materially from the forward-looking statements that Eiger makes, including the risks that Eiger’s planned clinical trials may be prolonged or delayed requiring Eiger to incur additional costs; that Eiger’s planned clinical trials may not satisfy the requirements of the FDA or non-U.S. regulatory authorities; that Eiger’s product candidates may have undesirable side effects which may delay or prevent marketing approval; that, even if approved by the FDA or non-U.S. regulatory authorities, Eiger’s product candidates may not achieve broad market acceptance; and the risks described in the “Risk Factors” sections the Registration Statement on Form S-4 (file no. 333-208521) and of Eiger’s periodic reports filed with the SEC. Eiger does not assume any obligation to update any forward-looking statements, except as required by law.



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