

ACCELERON PHARMA INC  
Form 8-K  
July 25, 2016

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): July 25, 2016

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ACCELERON PHARMA INC.  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware                      001-36065      27-0072226  
(State or other jurisdiction   (Commission   (I.R.S. Employer  
of incorporation)              File Number) Identification Number)

128 Sidney Street  
Cambridge, MA                      02139  
(Address of principal                      (Zip Code)  
executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 649-9200

Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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ITEM 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(d) Election of Director.

On July 25, 2016, the Board of Directors of Acceleron Pharma Inc. (the “Company”), upon the recommendation of the Company’s Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, elected Thomas McCourt to the Company’s Board of Directors as a Class I Director to serve on the Compensation Committee. Class I Directors are appointed to serve until the 2017 annual meeting of stockholders. In connection with his election as a director, the Company granted Mr. McCourt an option to purchase 20,000 shares of the Company’s common stock with an exercise price equal to the closing price of the Company’s common stock on the NASDAQ Global Market on July 25, 2016. Consistent with the Company’s non-employee director compensation policy, Mr. McCourt will be eligible to receive certain annual cash retainer fees and an annual stock option grant of 10,000 shares of the Company’s common stock. Mr. McCourt has also entered into a customary indemnification agreement with the Company.

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.

ACCELERON PHARMA INC.

By: /s/ John Quisel, J.D., Ph.D.  
John Quisel, J.D., Ph.D.  
Senior Vice President and General Counsel

Date: July 25, 2016