
**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): April 14, 2016

Arbutus Biopharma Corporation
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

001-34949
(Commission File Number)

980597776
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

100-8900 Glenlyon Parkway, Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada V5J 5J8
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(604) 419-3200
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(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 8.01. Other Events.

On April 14, 2016, the Registrant issued a press release, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1. Press release dated April 14, 2016

SIGNATURE

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.

Arbutus Biopharma Corporation

Date: April 14, 2016

By: /s/ Bruce G. Cousins

Name: Bruce G. Cousins

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Arbutus Presents Data on HBV Capsid Assembly Inhibitor AB-423 at EASL 2016

*Synergistic Antiviral Activity When Combining AB-423 With Entecavir
IND Filing (or Equivalent) Expected in the Second Half of 2016*

VANCOUVER, British Columbia and DOYLESTOWN, Pa., April 14, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Arbutus Biopharma Corporation (Nasdaq:ABUS), an industry-leading Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) therapeutic solutions company, presented preclinical combination data on its potent core protein/ capsid assembly inhibitor, AB-423, at the European Association for the Study of the Liver (EASL) in Barcelona, Spain.

“We are excited to present data supporting combination of our lead core protein/capsid assembly inhibitor, AB-423, with a nucleoside analog, entecavir (EVT). AB-423 in combination with EVT has shown synergistic antiviral activity *in vitro* in primary human hepatocytes. Furthermore, AB-423 alone and in combination with entecavir has shown potent *in vivo* activity in a hydrodynamic injection (HDI) mouse model of HBV,” said Dr. Mark J. Murray, Arbutus’ President and CEO. “We are focused on advancing the development of our proprietary HBV candidates, including AB-423, to enable one or more clinical HBV combination studies in 2017. Additional data from our preclinical combination studies will be presented at upcoming scientific conferences.”

The presentation is titled “In Vitro and In Vivo Antiviral Activities of AB-423 a Potent Small Molecule Inhibitor of Hepatitis B Virus Capsid Assembly”, and a copy of the poster can be accessed by visiting the Investor sections of www.arbutusbio.com and selecting Events and Presentations.

About Arbutus

Arbutus Biopharma Corporation is a biopharmaceutical company dedicated to discovering, developing and commercializing a cure for patients suffering from chronic hepatitis B infection. Arbutus is headquartered in Vancouver, BC, Canada with offices in Doylestown, PA, USA. For more information, visit www.arbutusbio.com.

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