
**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, 2018

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:

- 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 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2). 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 8.01. Other Events.

On March 28, 2018, 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 March 28, 2018

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: March 28, 2018

By: /s/ Koert VandenEnden
Koert VandenEnden
Interim CFO

Arbutus to Present HBV Data at 2018 EASL Liver Meeting

VANCOUVER, British Columbia and WARMINSTER, Pa., March 28, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Arbutus Biopharma Corporation (Nasdaq:ABUS), an industry-leading Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) therapeutic solutions company, today announced presentation of data at the 53rd Annual International Liver Congress of the European Association for the Study of the Liver (EASL) to be held on April 11-15, 2018 at the Paris Porte de Versailles in Paris, France.

"Our data to be presented this year at EASL demonstrates the value of our novel agents and highlights the reasons we are excited about advancing our candidates into the clinic," said Dr. Mark J. Murray, Arbutus' President and CEO. "Our next-generation capsid inhibitor and novel HBV RNA destabilizer have demonstrated potential for inclusion in a drug combination regime with current standard of care and other Arbutus clinical candidates, further supporting our goal of delivering a curative regimen for patients with chronic HBV."

Presentations Include:

- April 12, 2018, 4:30pm —4:45pm (CET), HBV Cure: Pre-clinical studies
- Parallel Session Oral Presentation #3503: "Preclinical Antiviral Drug Combination Studies Utilizing Novel Orally Bioavailable Investigational Agents for Chronic Hepatitis B Infection: AB-506, a Next Generation HBV Capsid Inhibitor, and AB-452, a HBV RNA Destabilizer" by *Rene Rijnbrand, VP Head of Biology at Arbutus Biopharma*
- April 12, 2018, 5:00pm —5:15pm (CET), HBV Cure: Pre-clinical studies
- Parallel Session Oral Presentation #2646: "Durable Inhibition of Hepatitis B Virus Replication and Antigenemia Using Subcutaneously Administered siRNA Agent AB-729 in Preclinical Models" by *Amy Lee, Senior Director, Research at Arbutus Biopharma*

About Arbutus

Arbutus Biopharma Corporation is a publicly traded (Nasdaq:ABUS) biopharmaceutical company dedicated to discovering, developing, and commercializing a cure for patients suffering from chronic Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) infection. Arbutus is developing multiple drug candidates, each of which have the potential to improve upon the standard of care (SOC) and contribute to a curative combination regimen to improve patient outcomes and deliver a potential cure for HBV. For more information, visit www.arbutusbio.com.

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