
**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): **May 30, 2017**

Editas Medicine, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-37687
(Commission
File Number)

46-4097528
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

11 Hurley Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

02141
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(617) 401-9000**

(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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

- 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.

On May 30, 2017, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Editas Medicine, Inc. (the “Company”), upon recommendation of the Board’s Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, increased the size of the Board by one member and appointed Andrew Hirsch as a director, effective immediately. Mr. Hirsch has been designated as a class II director to serve in accordance with the Company’s By-Laws until the Company’s 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders or until his successor has been duly elected and qualified, or until his earlier death, removal, or resignation. In connection with his appointment to the Board, Mr. Hirsch was named to the Audit Committee of the Board (the “Audit Committee”) and as the chairman of the Audit Committee, in each case, effective immediately.

Mr. Hirsch has served as the Chief Financial Officer of Agios Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a pharmaceutical company, since September 2016. He has more than 20 years of experience in a range of strategic and operating roles in business, including over 15 years in the biotech industry, most recently having served as president and chief executive officer of BIND Therapeutics, Inc., a biotechnology company, from March 2015 until August 2016. Prior to being named president and chief executive officer at BIND, Mr. Hirsch held several other leadership positions at the company, including chief operating officer from February 2014 to March 2015, and chief financial officer from July 2012 to March 2015. Prior to joining BIND, Mr. Hirsch was chief financial officer at Avila Therapeutics, Inc., a biotechnology company, from June 2011 until its acquisition by Celgene Corporation in March 2012. From 2002 to 2011 Mr. Hirsch held roles of increasing responsibility at Biogen Idec, a biotechnology company, including vice president of Corporate Strategy and M&A and program executive for the Tecfidera development team. He holds an M.B.A. from the Tuck School at Dartmouth College and a B.A. in Economics from the University of Pennsylvania.

In accordance with the Company’s director compensation policy, Mr. Hirsch will receive (i) annual cash compensation of \$35,000 as a member of the Board and reimbursement for reasonable travel and other expenses incurred in connection with attending meetings of the Board and committees thereof, (ii) \$7,500 as the chair of the Audit Committee and (iii) an option to purchase 23,076 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 Select Market on the date of his appointment, which option will vest as to one-third of the shares of common stock underlying the option in three equal installments on each anniversary of the date of grant, subject to Mr. Hirsch’s continued service on the Board. Mr. Hirsch entered into a standard form of indemnification agreement with the Company, in the form that is filed as Exhibit 10.28 to the Company’s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-208856), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 4, 2016.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

EDITAS MEDICINE, INC.

Date: May 31, 2017

By: /s/ Katrine S. Bosley

Katrine S. Bosley

President and Chief Executive Officer
