

OSIRIS THERAPEUTICS, INC.

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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
WASHINGTON, DC 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 16, 2017**

OSIRIS THERAPEUTICS, INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-32966
(Commission File Number)

71-0881115
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

7015 Albert Einstein Drive, Columbia, Maryland
(Address of principal executive offices)

21046
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(443) 545-1800**

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)
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- 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 4.01. Changes in Registrant’s Certifying Accountant.

As previously announced, on December 17, 2015, following the conclusion of a competitive process managed by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of Osiris Therapeutics, Inc. (the “Company”), the Company selected Ernst & Young LLP (“Ernst & Young”) to serve as its independent registered public accounting firm for the year ended December 31, 2015. On May 16, 2017, Ernst & Young completed its standard client acceptance procedures and was formally engaged by the Company as its independent registered public accounting firm.

During the years ended December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 and through May 16, 2017, neither the Company, nor anyone on its behalf, has consulted Ernst & Young with respect to (i) the application of accounting principles to a specified transaction, either completed or proposed, or the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on the Company’s financial statements, and neither a written report was provided to the Company nor oral advice was provided to the Company that Ernst & Young concluded was an important factor considered by the Company in reaching a decision as to any accounting, auditing or financial reporting issue; or (ii) any matter that was either the subject of a disagreement (as defined in Item 304(a)(1)(iv) of Regulation S-K and the related instructions) or a reportable event (as described in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-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.

OSIRIS THERAPEUTICS, INC.

By: /s/ DAVID A. DRESNER
David A. Dresner
Interim Chief Executive Officer

Date: May 17, 2017