

ATHERSYS, INC / NEW
Form 8-K
March 02, 2015

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 1, 2015

Athersys, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

001-33876
(Commission

File Number)

20-4864095
(IRS Employer

Identification No.)

3201 Carnegie Avenue,

Cleveland, Ohio

(Address of principal executive offices)

44115-2634

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (216) 431-9900

(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)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On March 1, 2015, Athersys, Inc. (Athersys) announced a collaboration with Chugai Pharmaceutical Co., Ltd. (Chugai) to develop and commercialize MultiStem[®] cell therapy for ischemic stroke in Japan. A copy of the press release issued jointly by Athersys and Chugai announcing the collaboration is filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Exhibit Description |
|-------------|---------------------|
| 99.1 | Press Release. |

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.

Date: March 2, 2015

ATHERSYS, INC.

By: /s/ Laura K. Campbell
Name: Laura K. Campbell
Title: Vice President, Finance

EXHIBIT INDEX

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