
**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): April 27, 2015

Agios Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

001-36014
(Commission
File Number)

26-0662915
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

38 Sidney Street, 2nd Floor
Cambridge, MA
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

02139
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 649-8600

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On April 27, 2015, Agios Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the “Company”) entered into a collaboration and license agreement (the “AG-881 US Agreement”) with Celgene Corporation, and the Company’s wholly owned subsidiary, Agios International Sarl (“AIS”), entered into a collaboration and license agreement (the “AG-881 ROW Agreement” and, together with the AG-881 US Agreement, the “AG-881 Agreements”) with Celgene International II Sarl (“CIS II”). In the following description of the AG-881 Agreements, all references to “we” or “us” shall refer to the Company and/or AIS, as applicable, and all references to “Celgene” shall refer to Celgene Corporation and/or CIS II, as applicable.

The AG-881 Agreements establish a worldwide collaboration focused on the development and commercialization of licensed AG-881 products. AG-881 is a small molecule that has shown in preclinical studies to fully penetrate the blood brain barrier and inhibit isocitrate dehydrogenase-1 (IDH1) and IDH2 mutant cancer cells. We have an ongoing discovery and development collaboration and license agreement with Celgene that we entered into in April 2010, focused on targeting cancer metabolism (the “2010 Agreement”). We and Celgene have agreed that the future development and commercialization of licensed AG-881 products will be governed by the AG-881 Agreements and not the 2010 Agreement.

Financial. Under the terms of the AG-881 Agreements, Celgene will make a payment in the amount of \$10 million to us and we are eligible to receive up to \$70 million in milestone-based payments. We and Celgene will equally split all worldwide development costs, subject to specified exceptions, as well as any profits from any net sales of, or commercialization losses related to, licensed AG-881 products. Celgene will book commercial sales of licensed AG-881 products, if any, on a worldwide basis.

Commercialization. Under the terms of the AG-881 Agreements, we will lead commercialization of licensed AG-881 products within the United States and Celgene will lead commercialization of licensed AG-881 products outside of the United States. Depending on the market, we and Celgene will each have the right to provide a portion of field-based marketing activities.

Opt-Out Right. Under the AG-881 Agreements, we may elect to opt out of the cost and profit split of the collaboration at any time after April 27, 2016 by providing at least 12 months written notice to Celgene. If we opt out, Celgene will have the sole right to develop, manufacture and commercialize licensed AG-881 products throughout the world, at its cost, and we will undertake transitional activities reasonably necessary to transfer the development, manufacture and commercialization of licensed AG-881 products to Celgene, at our cost.

If we elect to opt-out of the AG-881 Agreements, then, in lieu of the profit or loss sharing described above, we would be eligible to receive royalties at tiered, low to mid-teen percentage rates on Celgene’s net sales of licensed AG-881 products.

Exclusivity. Until termination or expiration of the AG-881 Agreements, neither we nor Celgene may directly or indirectly develop, manufacture or commercialize, outside of the AG-881 Agreements or the 2010 Agreement, any therapeutic modality with specified activity against both IDH1 and IDH2.

Term. The term of the AG-881 Agreements will continue, unless earlier terminated, as long as we and Celgene continue to develop or commercialize licensed AG-881 products, or, in the event we opt out of the AG-881 Agreements, until expiration of the royalty term for AG-881 products.

Termination. Celgene may terminate the AG-881 Agreements for convenience upon ninety days written notice to us. Either we or Celgene may terminate the AG-881 Agreements if the other party is in material

breach and fails to cure such breach within the specified cure period. Either we or Celgene may terminate the AG-881 Agreements in the event of specified insolvency events involving the other party. If one of the AG-881 Agreements terminates, the other will terminate automatically.

The foregoing description of the AG-881 Agreements does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by the full text of the AG-881 Agreements, copies of which will be filed with the exhibits to the Company's quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ending June 30, 2015.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

The full text of the press release announcing the Company's entry into the AG-881 Agreements is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) The following exhibits are included in this report:

<u>Exhibit</u> <u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release issued April 29, 2015.

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.

AGIOS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Date: May 1, 2015

By: /s/ David P. Schenkein
David P. Schenkein, M.D.
Chief Executive Officer

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99.1	Press release issued April 29, 2015.

Agios Pharmaceuticals Selects Third Novel IDH Mutant Inhibitor, AG-881, for Clinical Development

- *Brain-penetrant, pan-IDH mutant inhibitor broadens pipeline for treatment of patients with IDH mutant positive cancers*
- *New worldwide development and profit share collaboration for AG-881 entered into by Agios and Celgene*
- *Expect to initiate clinical development for AG-881 in second quarter 2015*

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., April 29, 2015 — Agios Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (NASDAQ: AGIO), a leader in the fields of cancer metabolism and rare genetic disorders of metabolism, today announced that it plans to advance into clinical development AG-881, a small molecule that has shown in preclinical studies to fully penetrate the blood brain barrier and inhibit isocitrate dehydrogenase-1 (IDH1) and IDH2 mutant cancer models, in collaboration with its cancer metabolism partner Celgene Corporation. The companies have entered into a new joint worldwide development and profit share collaboration for AG-881 and plan to initiate clinical development of AG-881 in the second quarter of 2015. AG-881 will be the third IDH mutant inhibitor discovered by Agios to enter clinical development.

“The addition of our third IDH mutant inhibitor to our growing pipeline is an exciting milestone for Agios and underscores our goals to lead the scientific understanding of cancer metabolism and help as many patients as possible with an IDH mutant positive cancer,” said David Schenkein, M.D., chief executive officer of Agios. “AG-221 and AG-120 remain our lead medicines in clinical development and are advancing rapidly. We believe the addition of AG-881, given its unique profile, provides added flexibility to our portfolio of IDH inhibitors. Based on our preclinical findings, it has the potential to support our ongoing development effort to provide treatment options to patients with glioma, and it represents a possible second-generation molecule for both AG-221 and AG-120 in IDH mutant tumors. We look forward to generating data for AG-881 to inform our future development plans.”

Under the terms of the new AG-881 collaboration, Agios will receive an initial payment of \$10 million in the second quarter of 2015 and is eligible to receive regulatory milestone payments of up to \$70 million. Agios and Celgene will jointly collaborate on the worldwide development program for AG-881, sharing development costs 50/50 worldwide. The two companies have agreed to share any worldwide profits 50/50, with Celgene booking worldwide commercial sales. Agios would lead commercialization in the U.S. with both companies sharing equally in field-based commercial activities, and Celgene would lead commercialization ex-U.S. with Agios providing one third of field-based commercial activities in the major E.U. markets.

Summary of Agios and Celgene Collaboration on IDH Mutant Inhibitors

Agios and Celgene entered a global, strategic collaboration in April 2010 and, to date, three potential new distinct investigational medicines have emerged – the IDH2 mutant inhibitor, AG-221; the IDH1 mutant inhibitor, AG-120; and the pan-IDH mutant inhibitor, AG-881, which as described above is now part of a new collaboration between the companies. These three

investigational medicines aim to improve the treatment outcomes for patients whose cancers carry these IDH mutations, including difficult to treat acute myelogenous leukemia and glioma, a type of aggressive brain tumor with poor prognosis. Each of these investigational medicines carries different financial terms and rights under the collaboration, including:

- **AG-221:** Celgene has worldwide development and commercialization rights for AG-221. Agios is eligible for up to \$120 million in milestone payments and royalties on any net sales.
- **AG-120:** Agios retains U.S. development and commercialization rights, while Celgene has development and commercialization rights outside the U.S. Agios is eligible to receive royalties on any net sales outside the U.S. and up to \$120 million in milestone payments. Celgene is eligible to receive royalties on any net sales in the U.S.
- **AG-881:** Joint worldwide development and 50/50 profit share collaboration. Agios is eligible to receive regulatory milestone payments up to \$70 million.

About Agios Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Agios Pharmaceuticals is focused on discovering and developing novel investigational medicines to treat cancer and rare genetic disorders of metabolism through scientific leadership in the field of cellular metabolism. In addition to an active research and discovery pipeline across both therapeutic areas, Agios has multiple first-in-class investigational medicines in clinical and/or preclinical development. All Agios programs focus on genetically identified patient populations, leveraging our knowledge of metabolism, biology and genomics. For more information, please visit the company's website at agios.com.

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements include those regarding the potential benefits of, and plans relating to, the collaboration with Celgene; the potential benefits of AG-221, AG-120 and AG-881; and Agios' plans to generate data from AG-881 to inform its future development plans; and the benefit of Agios' strategic plans and focus. The words "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "expect," "goal," "intend," "may," "plan," "possible," "potential," "predict," "project," "could," "would" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, although not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words. Such statements are subject to numerous important factors, risks and uncertainties that may cause actual events or results to differ materially from Agios' current expectations and beliefs. For example, there can be no guarantee that AG-881 or any other product candidate Agios is developing will successfully commence or complete necessary preclinical and clinical development phases, or that development of any of Agios' product candidates will successfully continue. There can be no guarantee that any positive developments in Agios' business will result in stock price appreciation. Management's expectations and, therefore, any forward-looking statements in this press release could also be affected by risks and uncertainties relating to a number of other important factors, including: Agios' results of clinical trials and preclinical studies, including subsequent analysis of existing data and new data received from ongoing and future studies; the content and timing of decisions made by the U.S. FDA and other regulatory authorities, investigational review boards at clinical trial sites and publication review bodies; Agios' ability to obtain and maintain requisite regulatory approvals and to enroll patients in

its planned clinical trials; unplanned cash requirements and expenditures; competitive factors; Agios' ability to obtain, maintain and enforce patent and other intellectual property protection for any product candidates it is developing; Agios' ability to maintain key collaborations; and general economic and market conditions. These and other risks are described in greater detail under the caption "Risk Factors" included in Agios' Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, and other filings that Agios may make with the Securities and Exchange Commission in the future. Any forward-looking statements contained in this press release speak only as of the date hereof, and Agios expressly disclaims any obligation to update any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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