AGENUS INC
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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
July 1, 2014
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

AGENUS INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE	**000-29089**	**06-1562417**
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

3 Forbes Road

Lexington, MA	**02421**
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

781-674-4400
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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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

Agenus Inc. announced final results from a single-arm, multi-institutional, open-label, Phase 2 study showing that patients with newly diagnosed glioblastoma multiforme (GBM) who received Agenus' Prophage autologous cancer vaccine added to the standard of care treatment, lived nearly twice as long as expected. In this Phase 2 study, 50% of the patients lived for two years, an encouraging result for a cancer that often kills patients within one year [1-7]. Prophage patients demonstrated a median overall survival of approximately 24 months and 33% of patients remain alive at 2 years and continue to be followed for survival.

In addition to the long-term survival data, vaccine treated patients had a median progression-free survival (PFS) of nearly 18 months, approximately two to three-times longer than patients treated with radiation and temozolomide alone[1]. Importantly, 22% of patients were alive and without progression at 24 months and continue to be followed for survival.

The full text of the press release issued in connection with the announcement is being filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this current report on Form 8-K.

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Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit is filed herewith:

99.1 Press Release dated July 1, 2014

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.

AGENUS INC.

Date: July 1, 2014 By: /s/ Garo H. Armen

Garo H. Armen

Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description of Exhibit
99.1	Press Release dated July 1, 2014