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Item 8.01. Other Events.

As CTI BioPharma Corp. previously disclosed in its Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2014 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 31, 2014, the director defendants in the matter Lopez & Gilbert v. Nudelman, et al., Case No. 14-2-18941-9 SEA, had moved to dismiss the complaint in the matter in September 2014. On December 5, 2014, the court determined not to grant such motion. The trial date is currently set for August 24, 2015.

SIGNATURE

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.

CTI BIOPHARMA CORP.

Date: December 11, 2014 By: /s/ Louis A. Bianco
Louis A. Bianco
Executive Vice President, Finance and
Administration