ACCELERON PHARMA INC Form 8-K April 16, 2018

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): April 13, 2018

ACCELERON PHARMA INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-36065 27-0072226 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (I.R.S. Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification Number)

128 Sidney Street

Cambridge, MA 02139 (Address of principal (Zip Code)

executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 649-9200

Not Applicable

(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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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o 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 o

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 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b) Resignation of Director.

On April 13, 2018, George Golumbeski, Ph.D. notified Acceleron Pharma Inc. (the "Company") of his decision to resign from the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board") effective as of the Company's Annual Meeting of Stockholders on June 6, 2018. Dr. Golumbeski has served on the Board since 2011, and his resignation from the Board will be effective subsequent to his retirement from Celgene Corporation. The resignation of Dr. Golumbeski was not caused by any disagreement with the Company.

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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.

ACCELERON PHARMA INC.

By:/s/ John D. Quisel, J.D., Ph.D. John D. Quisel, J.D., Ph.D. Senior Vice President and General Counsel

Date: April 16, 2018

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