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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-16 OR 15D-16 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the month of March 2017 Commission file number 0-30752

AETERNA ZENTARIS INC.

315 Sigma Drive, Suite 302D Summerville, South Carolina, USA 29486 (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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99.1 Registrant's Management Information Circular dated March 20, 2017 for its Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on May 9, 2017

99.2Form of Proxy

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, thereunto duly authorized.

AETERNA ZENTARIS INC.

Date: March 20,

2017

By: /s/ Philip A. Theodore

Philip A. Theodore

Senior Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer, General Counsel and Corporate

Secretary