Mast Therapeutics, Inc. Form 8-K February 01, 2016

#### **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): January 31, 2016

Mast Therapeutics, Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware 001-32157 84-1318182 (State or Other Jurisdiction (IRS Employer

of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) Identification No.)

3611 Valley Centre Drive, Suite 500,

San Diego, CA 92130 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (858) 552-0866

Not Applicable

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(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 (see General Instructions A.2. below):

<sup>&</sup>quot;Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

<sup>&</sup>quot;Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

<sup>&</sup>quot;Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

<sup>&</sup>quot;Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

## Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On February 1, 2016, Mast Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing positive top-line data from a Phase 2a clinical study of its product candidate AIR001 in patients with heart failure with preserved ejection fraction (HFpEF). A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

#### Item 8.01 Other Events.

Prior to January 31, 2016, the Company achieved all of the clinical development milestones required by that deadline to avoid prepayment on April 30, 2016 of \$10 million of the principal balance under the Loan and Security Agreement, dated August 11, 2015, as amended by the First Amendment thereto dated September 28, 2015 and the Second Amendment thereto dated December 31, 2015 (collectively, the "Loan Agreement"), among the Company, Hercules Technology III, L.P. and Hercules Technology Growth Capital, Inc.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

#### (d) Exhibits.

The list of exhibits called for by this Item is incorporated by reference to the Exhibit Index immediately following the signature page of this report.

The information set forth under Item 7.01 and in Exhibit 99.1 is not being filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is not to be incorporated by reference into any filing of the registrant, whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in any such filing.

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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.

Mast Therapeutics, Inc.

Date: February 1, 2016 By:/s/ Brandi L. Roberts
Brandi L. Roberts
Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice President

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Exhibit

Number Description

99.1 Press release dated February 1, 2016

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