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): March 13, 2015

Heron Therapeutics, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	001-33221	94-2875566
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
123 Saginaw Drive, Redwood City, California		94063
(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 650-366-2626

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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[ ] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On March 13, 2015, Heron Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing its financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2014 (the "Earnings Press Release"). A copy of the Earnings Press Release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1.

This Item 2.02 and the Earnings Press Release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, insofar as they disclose information regarding the Company's results of operations or financial condition for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2014 are being furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No./Document

99.1 Earnings Press Release dated March 13, 2015

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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.

Heron Therapeutics, Inc.

March 13, 2015

By: /s/ Esme C. Smith

Name: Esme C. Smith
Title: VP, General Counsel & Secretary

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Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Earnings Press Release dated March 13, 2015

Heron Therapeutics Announces Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2014 Financial Results and Corporate Progress

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. – March 13, 2015 – Heron Therapeutics, Inc. (NASDAQ: HRTX), a biotechnology company, today reported fourth quarter and full year 2014 financial results and highlighted recent corporate progress.

Fourth Quarter and Recent Corporate Progress:

- In February 2015, the Company initiated a Phase 1 single-ascending dose, placebo-controlled clinical trial of HTX-011 in healthy volunteers. This study is evaluating safety, pharmacokinetics, and pharmacodynamics of the anesthetic effects of the product. HTX-011 is the Company's lead product candidate in its pain management program targeting post-operative pain, and is a combination of the local anesthetic bupivacaine and the anti-inflammatory meloxicam in a novel formulation utilizing the Company's proprietary Biochronomer® polymer-based drug delivery platform technology.

- In December 2014, the Company disclosed a new development program for HTX-003, a long-acting formulation of buprenorphine, for the treatment of chronic pain and opioid addiction. Utilizing the Company's Biochronomer technology, HTX-003 was designed to maintain therapeutic levels of buprenorphine for 30 days following a single subcutaneous injection.

"We anticipate closing enrollment the end of this month in MAGIC, our ongoing Phase 3 study of SUSTOL in patients receiving highly emetogenic chemotherapy, and we look forward to resubmitting our NDA for SUSTOL to the FDA in the middle of this year," commented Barry D. Quart, Pharm.D., Chief Executive Officer of Heron Therapeutics. "In addition, we have continued to make excellent progress with our growing pipeline of product candidates, including the disclosure of a new program, HTX-003 targeting chronic pain and opioid addiction, as well as the initiation of a Phase 1 study of HTX-011, the lead candidate in our program targeting post-operative pain. We anticipate providing data from this study in healthy volunteers shortly and initiating a Phase 2 study in the second quarter of 2015."

Results of Operations

As of December 31, 2014, Heron Therapeutics had approximately $72.7 million in cash, compared to $72.3 million as of December 31, 2013. The net increase in cash was primarily due to cash proceeds of approximately $58.9 million received from the common stock offering completed in June 2014, offset by the use of cash to fund our continued development of SUSTOL® (granisetron injection, extended release) and other product candidates and for other general corporate purposes.

The Company's net loss for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2014 was $20.6 million and $76.4 million, or $0.71 per share and $2.87 per share, respectively, compared to a net loss of $14.0 million and $55.3 million, or $0.75 per share and $3.42 per share, respectively, for the same periods in 2013.

The increase in net loss was primarily due to the ongoing Phase 3 HEC study of SUSTOL, which was initiated in 2014, and expenses related to new product development, including our program targeting the management of post-operative pain.

The decrease in net loss per share for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2014 compared to the same periods in 2013 was mainly due to the increase in shares outstanding in 2014 as a result of our November 2013 and June 2014 common stock offerings, partially offset by the increase in net loss.

About SUSTOL® and Chemotherapy Induced Nausea and Vomiting

Heron Therapeutics' lead investigational product candidate, SUSTOL® (granisetron injection, extended release), is being developed for the prevention of both acute- and delayed-onset chemotherapy induced nausea and vomiting (CINV) following the administration of moderately emetogenic chemotherapy (MEC) or highly emetogenic chemotherapy (HEC) agents. Affecting 70-80% of patients undergoing chemotherapy, CINV is one of the most debilitating side effects of such treatments, often attributed as a leading cause of premature discontinuation of cancer treatment. Injectable 5-hydroxytryptamine type 3 ($5\text{-}HT_3$) receptor antagonists have been shown to be among the most effective and preferred treatments for CINV, however, an unmet medical need exists for patients suffering from CINV during the delayed-onset phase, which typically occurs one to five days following administration of chemotherapy agents. Only one injectable $5\text{-}HT_3$ receptor antagonist is approved for use following the administration of MEC agents, and none are approved for use following administration of HEC agents. SUSTOL contains the $5\text{-}HT_3$ receptor antagonist granisetron, selected due to its broad use by physicians based on a well-established record of safety and efficacy, and the fact that it is only currently approved for the prevention of CINV during the acute-onset phase. SUSTOL is formulated with the Company's proprietary Biochronomer® polymer-based drug delivery platform technology and in clinical trials has been shown to maintain therapeutic drug levels of granisetron for up to five days with a single subcutaneous injection.

About HTX-019 for Chemotherapy Induced Nausea and Vomiting

HTX-019 is a proprietary injectable formulation of aprepitant, a neurokinin-1 (NK_1) receptor antagonist for the prevention of CINV. NK_1 receptor antagonists are typically used in combination with $5\text{-}HT_3$ receptor antagonists. At present, the only injectable NK_1 receptor antagonist approved in the U.S. contains polysorbate 80, a surfactant, which may cause hypersensitivity reactions or

other adverse reactions in some patients. Heron Therapeutics' formulation for HTX-019 does not contain polysorbate 80, and may have a lower incidence of infusion-site reactions than reported with fosaprepitant.

About HTX-011 for Post-Operative Pain

HTX-011 is a combination of local anesthetic bupivacaine and the anti-inflammatory meloxicam for the management of post-operative pain. HTX-011 is formulated utilizing Heron Therapeutics' proprietary Biochronomer technology, which extends its duration of action. In an animal model of post-operative pain, HTX-011 significantly reduced pain through 72 hours.

About HTX-003 for Chronic Pain and Addiction

HTX-003 is a long-acting formulation of buprenorphine for the management of chronic pain and opioid addiction. Utilizing Heron Therapeutics' proprietary Biochronomer technology, HTX-003 is designed to maintain therapeutic drug levels of buprenorphine for 30 days following a single subcutaneous injection with a low potential for patient abuse.

About Heron Therapeutics, Inc.

Heron Therapeutics, Inc. is a biotechnology company using its proprietary technology and innovative efforts to develop products to address unmet medical needs. The Company's proprietary Biochronomer polymer-based drug delivery platform technology is designed to improve the therapeutic profile of injectable pharmaceuticals. The Company's product development efforts focus on identifying current therapies with the potential to be reformulated to expand or extend therapeutic effect or duration of action, minimize drawbacks or to apply new delivery methods. In addition, we continually evaluate potential development programs, technologies and product candidates that may be complementary to or synergistic with our existing programs and product development goals.

Forward Looking Statements

This news release contains "forward-looking statements" as defined by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Heron Therapeutics cautions readers that forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially. These risks and uncertainties include those associated with: the timing of completion of the HEC study, and the results thereof, and the new drug application resubmission for SUSTOL, potential regulatory approval of SUSTOL and the timing for such approval, if approved at all; the progress in research and development of HTX-019, HTX-011, HTX-003 and our other product candidate programs, including the timing of planned toxicology and clinical studies; safety and efficacy data from our clinical studies that may not warrant further development of our product candidates; the launch and acceptance of new products generally; our financial position and our ability to raise additional capital to fund operations if necessary or to pursue additional business opportunities; strategic business alliances we may pursue or the potential acquisition of other products or technologies; and other risks and uncertainties identified in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We caution investors that forward-looking statements reflect our analysis only on their stated date. We do not intend to update them except as required by law.

HERON THERAPEUTICS, INC.
Statements of Operations
(in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended December 31,(Unaudited)		Year Ended December 31,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Operating expenses:				
Research and development	$ 14,195	$ 8,538	$ 54,833	$ 32,516
General and administrative	5,300	5,293	19,728	21,941
Total operating expenses	19,495	13,831	74,561	54,457
Loss from operations	(19,495)	(13,831)	(74,561)	(54,457)
Other expense, net	(1,129)	(212)	(1,806)	(826)
Net loss	$(20,624)	$(14,043)	$(76,367)	$(55,283)
Basic and diluted net loss per share	$ (0.71)	$ (0.75)	$ (2.87)	$ (3.42)
Shares used in computing basic and diluted net loss per share	29,210	18,708	26,569	16,163

HERON THERAPEUTICS, INC.

Condensed Balance Sheet Data
(in thousands)

	December 31,	
	2014	2013
Cash and cash equivalents	$72,675	$72,287
Total assets	76,682	75,937

Total stockholders' equity	63,062	68,945

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