

Mast Therapeutics, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
March 21, 2014

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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 19, 2014

**Mast Therapeutics, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-32157

84-1318182

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

12390 El Camino Real, Suite 150, San Diego,  
California

92130

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

858-552-0866

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 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.**

On March 19, 2014, the Board of Directors of Mast Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Company") approved an amendment to the Company's Amended and Restated Bylaws, which, effective as of March 19, 2014, added a new Article X to select the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware as the sole and exclusive forum for: (i) any derivative action brought on behalf of the Company, (ii) any action asserting a claim of breach of a fiduciary duty owed by any director, officer or other employee of the Company to the Company or its stockholders, (iii) any action asserting a claim arising pursuant to any provision of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware or the Company's certificate of incorporation or bylaws, and (iv) any action asserting a claim governed by the internal affairs doctrine, in each case unless the Company consents in writing to the selection of an alternative forum.

The foregoing description does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the amendment to the Company's bylaws, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit 3.1 to this Current Report and incorporated herein by reference.

**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 filed with this report.

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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.

*March 21, 2014*

By: */s/ Patrick L. Keran*

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*Name: Patrick L. Keran*

*Title: President and Chief Operating Officer*

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| <b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b> | <b><u>Description</u></b>  |
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| 3.1                       | Certificate of Amendment of the Amended and Restated Bylaws of Mast Therapeutics, Inc. |