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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 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 7, 2018

Commission File Number: 001-37761

VistaGen Therapeutics, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter.)

Nevada
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

205093315
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

343 Allerton Avenue, South San Francisco, California 94080
(Address of principal executive offices)

650-577-3600
(Registrant's Telephone number)

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- 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 (17 CFR 230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR 240.12b-2)
Emerging growth company

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 8.01 Other Events.

On March 7, 2018, VistaGen Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Company") announced that it received a Notice of Allowance from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) for its U.S. patent application no. 15/018,219 related to methods of treating depression with AV-101, the Company's oral new generation glutamatergic product candidate in Phase 2 development for the treatment of Major Depressive Disorder. A copy of the press release is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

See Exhibit List.

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.

VistaGen Therapeutics, Inc.

Date: *March 7, 2018*

By: /s/ Shawn K. Singh

Name: Shawn K. Singh
Title: Chief Executive Officer

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<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
EX-99.1	Press release issued by VistaGen Therapeutics Inc., dated March 7, 2018.



VistaGen Therapeutics Receives Notice of Allowance for a Key U.S. Patent Covering Treatment of Depression with AV-101

South San Francisco, CA (March 7, 2018) – [VistaGen Therapeutics Inc.](#) (NASDAQ: VTGN), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing new generation medicines for depression and other central nervous system (CNS) disorders, today announced receiving a Notice of Allowance from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) for U.S. patent application no. 15/018,219 related to methods of treating depression with AV-101, its oral new generation glutamatergic product candidate in Phase 2 development for treatment of Major Depressive Disorder (MDD). When issued, the U.S. patent will not expire until at least 2034.

"This Notice of Allowance from the USPTO is a major development, representing one of the most significant patent applications ever allowed to our company," stated [Shawn Singh, Chief Executive Officer of VistaGen](#). "This patent will be one of the core components of our commercial protection strategy for AV-101 in the U.S., the world's largest pharmaceutical market. It will both enhance and expand substantially our U.S. market exclusivity for AV-101. We are continuing to pursue additional patents for AV-101, in the U.S. and other major pharmaceutical markets, to further fortify our global patent portfolio for this promising CNS drug candidate."

About VistaGen

VistaGen Therapeutics, Inc. (NASDAQ: VTGN), is a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing new generation medicines for depression and other CNS disorders. VistaGen's lead CNS product candidate, AV-101, is an oral NMDA receptor glycine B antagonist in Phase 2 development, initially as a new adjunctive treatment for Major Depressive Disorder (MDD) patients with an inadequate response to current FDA-approved antidepressants. AV-101's [mechanism of action](#) is fundamentally different from all current antidepressants and atypical antipsychotics often used adjunctively to augment them. Most current antidepressants target the neurotransmitters serotonin (SSRIs) and/or norepinephrine (SNRIs) and, if effective, take many weeks to achieve therapeutic benefits. VistaGen's AV-101 targets glutamate, the most prevalent neurotransmitter in the brain, and, similar to ketamine, also a NMDA receptor antagonist, has potential to drive a paradigm shift towards a new generation of faster-acting glutamatergic antidepressants. AV-101 may also have the potential to treat neuropathic pain, epilepsy, Parkinson's disease levodopa-induced dyskinesia (PD LID), suicidal ideation and other CNS diseases and disorders where modulation of the NMDA receptors, activation of AMPA pathways and/or key active metabolites of AV-101 may achieve therapeutic benefits.

For more information, please visit www.vistagen.com and connect with VistaGen on [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Facebook](#).

Forward-Looking Statements

The statements in this press release that are not historical facts may constitute forward-looking statements that are based on current expectations and are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual future results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such statements. Those risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, risks related to the successful launch, continuation and results of the NIMH's Phase 2 (monotherapy) and/or the Company's planned Phase 2 (adjunctive therapy) clinical studies of AV-101 in MDD, and other CNS diseases and disorders, including neuropathic pain and levodopa-induced dyskinesia associated with Parkinson's disease therapy, protection of its intellectual property, and the availability of substantial additional capital to support its operations, including the AV-101 clinical development activities described above. These and other risks and uncertainties are identified and described in more detail in VistaGen's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). These filings are available on the SEC's website at www.sec.gov. VistaGen undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements.

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