# 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 25, 2014

### GALECTIN THERAPEUTICS INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Nevada (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 001-31791 (Commission File Number) 04-3562325 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

### 4960 PEACHTREE INDUSTRIAL BOULEVARD, Ste 240 NORCROSS, GA 30071

(Address of principal executive office) (zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (678) 620-3186

N/A

(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))

#### **SECTION 7 - REGULATION FD**

#### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On March 25, 2014, Galectin Therapeutics Inc. (the "Company) issued the attached press release, which is being furnished and not filed, and is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The information in this report is being furnished pursuant to this Item 7.01 and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, and it shall not be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or under the Exchange Act, whether made before or after the date hereof, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing to this report.

#### **SECTION 9 – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Financial Statements of Businesses Acquired.

Not applicable.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information.

Not applicable.

(c) Shell Company Transactions.

Not applicable.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit

Number Description

99.1 Press Release dated March 25, 2014

#### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Galectin Therapeutics Inc. has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Galectin Therapeutics Inc.

Date: March 25, 2014

By: /s/ Jack W. Callicutt
Jack W. Callicutt
Chief Financial Officer



#### Galectin Therapeutics to Announce Results from First Cohort of Phase 1 Clinical Trial in Fatty Liver Disease

- Company to Hold Webcast and Conference Call on April 1 to Review Findings -

Norcross, Ga., March 25, 2014 – Galectin Therapeutics (Nasdaq:GALT), the leading developer of therapeutics that target galectin proteins to treat fibrosis and cancer, announced that on Monday, March 31, 2014, the Company will report results from the first cohort of its Phase 1 clinical trial examining GR-MD-02 in fatty liver disease (NASH) with advanced fibrosis. The first-in-man study, which enrolled eight patients in the first cohort, is evaluating the safety, tolerability, and exploratory biomarkers for efficacy for single and multiple doses of galectin inhibiting drug GR-MD-02 when administered to patients with fatty liver disease with advanced fibrosis.

Peter G. Traber, M.D., Chief Executive Officer, President and Chief Medical Officer of Galectin Therapeutics, will lead a webcast and conference call on April 1, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time to review the findings. As time permits, a question and answer session will immediately follow Dr. Traber's presentation.

A link to the webcast and conference call details will be posted on the Galectin Therapeutics website at <a href="https://www.galectintherapeutics.com">www.galectintherapeutics.com</a>. Dr. Traber's presentation will also be posted on the Galectin Therapeutics website prior to the April 1 webcast and conference call.

The Phase 1 multi-center, partially-blinded clinical trial is being conducted in a total of 24 patients who receive four weekly doses of GR-MD-02. Each of the three cohorts consists of eight patients, six randomized to receive active drug and two randomized to receive placebo. Eight U.S. clinical sites with extensive experience in clinical trials in liver disease are now active to ensure rapid enrollment of the second cohort. Trial design details can be found at <a href="http://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01899859?term=gt-020&rank=1">http://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT01899859?term=gt-020&rank=1</a>.

GR-MD-02 is a complex carbohydrate drug that targets galectin-3, a critical protein in the pathogenesis of fatty liver disease and fibrosis. Galectin proteins play a major role in diseases that involve scaring of organs such as cancer, and inflammatory and fibrotic disorders. The drug binds to galectin proteins and disrupts their function. Preclinical data has shown that GR-MD-02 has robust treatment effects in reversing fibrosis and cirrhosis.

#### **About Fatty Liver Disease with Advanced Fibrosis**

Non-alcoholic steatohepatitis (NASH), also known as fatty liver disease, has become a common disease of the liver with the rise in obesity rates, estimated to affect nine to 15 million people, including children, in the U.S. Fatty liver disease is characterized by the presence of fat in the liver along with inflammation and damage in people who drink little or no alcohol. Over time, patients with fatty liver disease can develop fibrosis, or scarring of the liver, and it is estimated that as many as three million individuals will develop cirrhosis, a severe liver disease where liver transplantation is the only current treatment available. Approximately 6,300 liver transplants are done on an annual basis in the U.S. There are no drug therapies approved for the treatment of liver fibrosis.

#### **About Galectin Therapeutics**

Galectin Therapeutics (NASDAQ: GALT) is developing promising carbohydrate-based therapies for the treatment of fibrotic liver disease and cancer based on the Company's unique understanding of galectin proteins, key mediators of biologic function. We are leveraging extensive scientific and development expertise as well as established relationships with external sources to achieve cost effective and efficient development. We are pursuing a clear development pathway to clinical enhancement and commercialization for our lead compounds in liver fibrosis and cancer. Additional information is available at <a href="https://www.galectintherapeutics.com">www.galectintherapeutics.com</a>.



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