

**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): May 13, 2019

SOLENO THERAPEUTICS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-36593
(Commission
File No.)

77-0523891
(IRS Employer
Identification Number)

1235 Radio Road, Suite 110
Redwood City, CA 94065
(Address of principal executive offices)

(650) 213-8444
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- 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 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

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.

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value	SLNO	NASDAQ
Common Stock, \$0.001 per value, underlying the warrants	SLNOW	NASDAQ

ITEM 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Conditions

On May 13, 2019, Soleno Therapeutics, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing its financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2019. The full text of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

This information is intended to be furnished under Item 2.02 and Item 9.01 of Form 8-K, “Results of Operations and Financial Condition” and shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, nor shall be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release issued by Soleno Therapeutics, Inc. dated May 13, 2019.

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.

Date: May 13, 2019

SOLENO THERAPEUTICS, INC.

By: /s/ Jonathan Wolter
Jonathan Wolter
Chief Financial Officer

Soleno Therapeutics Provides Corporate Update and Reports First Quarter 2019 Financial Results

REDWOOD CITY, Calif., May 13, 2019 — Soleno Therapeutics, Inc. (“Soleno”) (NASDAQ: SLNO), a clinical-stage biopharmaceutical company developing novel therapeutics for the treatment of rare diseases, today provided a corporate update, and reported financial results for the three months ended March 31, 2019.

“Enrollment in our Phase III DESTINY PWS trial evaluating Diazoxide Choline Controlled-Release (DCCR) tablets for the treatment of Prader-Willi Syndrome (PWS) continues to progress,” said Anish Bhatnagar, M.D., Chief Executive Officer of Soleno Therapeutics. “We recently received approval from the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) of our clinical trial application (CTA) in the UK and are in the process of activating several sites there. Moreover, we are strongly encouraged that more than 90% of the patients who have completed the randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, Phase III DESTINY PWS study have enrolled in our 9-month, open-label, safety extension study, C602. We continue to look forward to top-line data from DESTINY PWS late this year.”

Recent Corporate Highlights

- Continued enrollment for Phase III DESTINY PWS study of DCCR
 - Trial enrollment continuing at U.S. sites
 - Received CTA approval from the MHRA
 - Intend to initiate several additional sites both in the UK and in the U.S. shortly
 - Over 90% of subjects who were randomized and completed the DESTINY PWS study elected to continue in C602, the 9-month open-label safety extension study
 - Data Safety Monitoring Board recommended the continuation of the DESTINY PWS study without modification
 - Top-line data from the DESTINY PWS study expected in late 2019
- Appointed Gwen A. Melincoff, a biotechnology and pharmaceutical industry veteran, to Board of Directors
- Presented at multiple investor conferences

Financial Results

Soleno’s current research and development efforts are primarily focused on advancing its lead product candidate, DCCR tablets for the treatment of PWS, into late-stage clinical development.

First Quarter Ended March 31, 2019 Financial Results for Continuing Operations

Research and development expenses were \$2.8 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2019, compared to \$1.2 million in the same period of 2018. The increase was primarily due to increased activities related to the DCCR development program.

General and administrative expense was \$2.0 million for the quarter ended March 31, 2019, compared to \$1.9 million in the same period of 2018. The increase was primarily a result of increased legal fees, primarily related to intellectual property.

The change in the fair value of contingent consideration results from Soleno's obligation to make cash payments to Essentialis stockholders upon the achievement of certain future commercial milestones associated with the sale of Essentialis' product in accordance with the terms of the Essentialis merger agreement. The fair value of the liability for the contingent consideration payable by Soleno was initially established as approximately \$2.6 million at the time of the merger in March 2017, and was estimated at approximately \$5.1 million at December 31, 2017, at \$5.5 million at March 31, 2018, \$5.4 million at June 30, 2018, \$5.7 million at September 30, 2018, and \$5.6 million at December 31, 2018. The fair value was estimated to be approximately \$5.9 million at March 31, 2019, resulting in an increase in expense of approximately \$0.2 million from the balance at December 31, 2018.

Total Other Expense of \$2.1 million consisted primarily of the change in the fair value of the liability for warrants of approximately \$1.9 million.

Net loss for the quarter ended March 31, 2019, was approximately \$7.0 million, or (\$0.22) per share, compared to a net loss of approximately \$3.8 million, or (\$0.19) per share, for the quarter ended March 31, 2018.

As of March 31, 2019, Soleno had cash and cash equivalents of approximately \$19.4 million, as compared to \$23.1 million at December 31, 2018.

Results of Discontinued Operations during Quarter Ended March 31, 2018

Discontinued operations during the quarter ended March 31, 2018, consisted of the Company's activities previously dedicated to the development and commercialization of innovative diagnostics, devices and therapeutics addressing unmet medical needs, which consisted of: precision metering of gas flow technology marketed as Serenz® Allergy Relief, or Serenz; CoSense® End-Tidal Carbon Monoxide (ETCO) Monitor, or CoSense, which measures ETCO and aids in the detection of excessive hemolysis; and, products that included temperature probes, scales, surgical tables and patient surfaces. These operations were discontinued as a result of the decision to sell NeoForce, partner the CoSense® business and divest the Serenz business.

About PWS

The Prader-Willi Syndrome Association USA estimates that one in 12,000 to 15,000 people in the U.S. have PWS. The hallmark symptom of this disorder is hyperphagia, a chronic feeling of insatiable hunger that severely diminishes the quality of life for PWS patients and their families. Additional characteristics of PWS include behavioral problems, cognitive disabilities, low muscle tone, short stature (when not treated with growth hormone), the accumulation of excess body fat, developmental delays, and incomplete sexual development. Hyperphagia can lead to significant morbidities (e.g., stomach rupture, obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular disease) and mortality (e.g., choking, accidental death due to food seeking behavior). In a global survey conducted by the Foundation for Prader-Willi Research, 96.5% of respondents (parent and caregivers) rated hyperphagia as the most important or a very important symptom to be relieved by a new medicine. There are currently no approved therapies to treat the hyperphagia/appetite, metabolic, cognitive function, or behavioral aspects of the disorder. Diazoxide choline has received Orphan Drug Designation for the treatment of PWS in the U.S. and E.U.

About Diazoxide Choline Controlled-Release Tablet

Diazoxide choline controlled-release tablet is a novel, proprietary extended-release, crystalline salt formulation of diazoxide, which is administered once-daily. The parent molecule, diazoxide, has been used for decades in thousands of patients in a few rare diseases in neonates, infants, children and adults, but has not been approved for use in PWS. Soleno conceived of and established extensive patent protection on the therapeutic use of diazoxide and DCCR in patients with PWS. The DCCR development program is supported by positive data from five completed Phase I clinical studies in various metabolic indications or in healthy volunteers and three completed Phase II clinical studies, one of which was in PWS patients. In the PWS Phase II study, DCCR showed promise in addressing hyperphagia, the hallmark symptom of PWS, as well as several other symptoms such as aggressive/destructive behaviors, fat mass and abnormal lipid profiles.

About Soleno Therapeutics, Inc.

Soleno is focused on the development and commercialization of novel therapeutics for the treatment of rare diseases. The company's lead candidate, DCCR, a once-daily oral tablet for the treatment of PWS, is currently being evaluated in a Phase III clinical development program.

For more information, please visit www.soleno.life.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements that are subject to many risks and uncertainties. Forward-looking statements include statements regarding our intentions, beliefs, projections, outlook, analyses or current expectations concerning, among other things, our ability to complete the Phase III C601 study in PWS during 2019. We may use terms such as "believes," "estimates," "anticipates," "expects," "plans," "intends," "may," "could," "might," "will," "should," "approximately" or other words that convey uncertainty of future events or outcomes to identify these forward-looking statements. Although we believe that we have a reasonable basis for each forward-looking statement contained herein, we caution you that forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and that our actual results of operations, financial condition and liquidity, and the development of the industry in which we operate may differ materially from the forward-looking statements contained in this presentation. As a result of these factors, we cannot assure you that the forward-looking statements in this press release will prove to be accurate. Additional factors that could materially affect actual results can be found in Soleno's annual and quarterly reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including under the caption titled "Risk Factors." Soleno expressly disclaims any intent or obligation to update these forward-looking statements, except as required by law.

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Soleno Therapeutics, Inc.
Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets
(In thousands except share and per share data)

	March 31, 2019	December 31, 2018
Assets	(Unaudited)	
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 19,402	\$ 23,099
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	603	529
Due from related party	72	64
Minority interest investment in former subsidiary	788	978
Total current assets	<u>20,865</u>	<u>24,670</u>
Long-term assets		
Property and equipment, net	19	12
Intangible assets, net	17,983	18,469
Total assets	<u>\$ 38,867</u>	<u>\$ 43,151</u>
Liabilities and stockholders' equity		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,258	\$ 934
Accrued compensation and other current liabilities	992	943
Total current liabilities	<u>2,250</u>	<u>1,877</u>
Long-term liabilities		
Series A warrant liability	73	49
2017 PIPE Warrant liability	6,274	4,563
2018 PIPE Warrant liability	784	600
Contingent liability for Essentialis purchase price	5,855	5,649
Total liabilities	<u>15,236</u>	<u>12,738</u>
Commitments and contingencies (Note 6)		
Stockholders' equity		
Preferred Stock, \$.001 par value, 10,000,000 shares authorized:		
Series B convertible preferred stock, 13,780 shares designated at March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018; zero and 4,571 shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2019 and at December 31, 2018, respectively. Liquidation value of zero.	—	—
Common stock, \$0.001 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized, 31,776,584 and 31,755,169 shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively.	32	32
Additional paid-in-capital	157,661	157,413
Accumulated deficit	<u>(134,062)</u>	<u>(127,032)</u>
Total stockholders' equity	<u>23,631</u>	<u>30,413</u>
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 38,867</u>	<u>\$ 43,151</u>

Soleno Therapeutics, Inc.
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations
(unaudited)

(In thousands except share and per share data)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2019	2018
Operating expenses		
Research and development	\$ 2,760	\$ 1,180
General and administrative	2,012	1,867
Change in fair value of contingent consideration	206	428
Total operating expenses	4,978	3,475
Operating loss	(4,978)	(3,475)
Other income (expense)		
Cease-use income	—	3
Change in fair value of warrants liabilities	(1,919)	163
Loss from minority interest investment	(190)	—
Interest income	57	19
Total other income (expense)	(2,052)	185
Loss from continuing operations	(7,030)	(3,290)
Loss from discontinued operations	—	(514)
Net loss	\$ (7,030)	\$ (3,804)
Loss per common share from continuing operations, basic and diluted	\$ (0.22)	\$ (0.17)
Loss per common share from discontinued operations, basic and diluted	—	(0.02)
Net loss per common share, basic and diluted	\$ (0.22)	\$ (0.19)
Weighted-average common shares outstanding used to calculate basic and diluted net loss per common share	31,756,120	19,530,311

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements