# 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 23, 2015

# COHERUS BIOSCIENCES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-36721 (Commission File Number) 27-3615821 (IRS Employer Identification Number)

201 Redwood Shores Parkway, Suite 200 Redwood City, CA 94065 (Address of principal executive offices, including Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (650) 649-3530

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:								
	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))							

# Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Conditions

On March 23, 2015, Coherus BioSciences, Inc. issued a press release regarding its financial results for its fourth quarter and full year ended December 31, 2014. The full text of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

This information in this Item 2.02 of this Form 8-K and the Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, or 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.

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated March 23, 2015

# **SIGNATURES**

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

Date: March 23, 2015 COHERUS BIOSCIENCES, INC.

By: /s/ Jean-Frédéric Viret
Name: Jean-Frédéric Viret
Title: Chief Financial Officer

# EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated March 23, 2015

#### Coherus BioSciences Reports Fourth Quarter and Year End 2014 Financial and Operating Results

Strong Clinical Performance and Financial Milestones Achieved

REDWOOD CITY, Calif., March 23, 2015 - Coherus BioSciences, Inc. (Nasdaq: CHRS), a leading pure-play, global biosimilars company with late-stage clinical products, today reported financial results and reviewed corporate events for the quarter and fiscal year ended December 31, 2014.

#### 2014 Highlights:

- CHS-1701 (pegfilgrastim (Neulasta®) biosimilar): completed Phase 1 351(a) (novel biologic) study and transitioning to a 351(k) (biosimilar) approval pathway. In March 2015, the Company initiated a pivotal study, which, if positive, could support the filing of a 351(k) biologics license application (BLA) in the fourth quarter of 2015 or first quarter of 2016. An additional immunogenicity study is planned in healthy volunteers pursuant to this BLA and is projected to be concluded in 2015 to support submission of the BLA.
- CHS-1420 (adalimumab (HUMIRA®) biosimilar): met the primary endpoint in a pivotal clinical pharmacokinetic similarity study that compared CHS-1420 to HUMIRA® in healthy subjects in August 2014.
- CHS-0214 (etanercept (Enbrel®) biosimilar): initiated Phase 3 clinical studies in rheumatoid arthritis and in psoriasis.
- Received milestone payments totaling \$70.3 million under existing collaboration with Baxter Healthcare Corporation (Baxter) in 2014.
- Closed initial public offering of 6,803,702 shares of common stock at \$13.50 per share in November 2014, of which net proceeds were approximately \$80.2 million.

"2014 was a strong year for Coherus in both clinical and financial accomplishments. The Company initiated several BLA enabling studies and is on track to file its first BLA with CHS-1701 in the next 12 months," said Denny Lanfear, president and chief executive officer of Coherus. "Additionally, our initial public offering created a foundation for completing the development of our three lead biosimilar product candidates."

#### **Fourth Quarter 2014 Financial Results**

**Total revenue** for the fourth quarter 2014 was \$6.5 million, as compared to \$1.2 million in the fourth quarter of 2013. The increase over the same period in 2013 was due to the recognition of Baxter collaboration revenue.

**Research and development (R&D)** expenses for the fourth quarter 2014 were \$26.9 million compared with \$9.2 million for the same period in 2013. Increases in R&D expenses were mainly attributable to an increase in program costs associated with the advancement of Coherus' late-stage clinical product candidates, CHS-0214 and CHS-1701, as well as increased personnel expenses.

**General and administrative (G&A)** expenses for the fourth quarter 2014 were \$6.2 million, compared to \$2.5 million for the same period in 2013. Increases in G&A expenses were mainly attributable to increased employee-related expenses and increased legal and accounting services in support of being a public company.

**Net loss** attributable to Coherus for the fourth quarter 2014 was \$29.1 million, or \$1.47 per share, compared to \$14.6 million, or \$3.68 per share, for the same period in 2013.

#### Fiscal Year 2014 Financial Results

**Total revenue** for the fiscal year 2014 was \$31.1 million, as compared to \$2.8 million in 2013. The increase over the same period in 2013 was due to the recognition of Baxter collaboration revenue.

**Research and development (R&D)** expenses were \$78.2 million compared with \$31.3 million in 2013. Increases in R&D expenses were mainly attributable to an increase in program costs associated with the advancement of Coherus' late-stage clinical product candidates, CHS-0214, CHS-1420 and CHS-1701, as well as increased personnel expenses.

**General and administrative (G&A)** expenses were \$17.6 million, compared to \$7.5 million in 2013. Increases in G&A expenses were mainly attributable to increased employee-related expenses and increased legal and accounting services in support of being a public company.

Net loss attributable to Coherus was \$87.1 million, or \$10.64 per share, compared to \$53.6 million, or \$16.10 per share, in 2013.

Cash and cash equivalents totaled \$150.4 million as of December 31, 2014, compared to \$39.6 million as of December 31, 2013.

# **Anticipated Near Term Milestones**

- CHS-1701 (pegfilgrastim biosimilar): file 351(k) BLA in U.S. in the fourth quarter of 2015 or the first quarter of 2016.
- CHS-1420 (adalimumab biosimilar): initiate pharmacokinetic (PK) bioequivalence bridging study in 2015 with Phase 3 drug material; initiate Phase 3 clinical study in psoriasis late in the first half of 2015; file BLA in U.S. in second half of 2016.
- CHS-0214 (etanercept biosimilar): continue Phase 3 clinical studies in rheumatoid arthritis and in psoriasis; file MAA in E.U. in 2016.

#### **Conference Call Information**

When: March 23, 2015, 1:30 p.m. PT

Dial-in: 844-452-6826 (domestic) or 765-507-2587 (international)

Conference ID: 5132313

Webcast: http://investors.coherus.com

Please join the conference call at least 10 minutes early to register.

The webcast of the conference call will be available for replay through April 6, 2015.

#### About Coherus BioSciences, Inc.

Coherus is a leading pure-play, global biosimilar company with a focus on developing products for the major regulated markets. Composed of a team of industry veterans with decades of experience in bringing biologics to market, our goal is to become a worldwide leader in the biosimilar market by leveraging our biologics platform in key areas such as process science, analytical characterization, protein production and clinical-regulatory development. Coherus possesses late stage clinical products and commercialization partnerships with multinational pharmaceutical companies in Europe and Asia.

Biosimilars are intended for use in place of existing, branded biologics to treat a range of chronic and often life-threatening diseases, with the potential to reduce costs and expand patient access. For additional information, please visit <a href="https://www.coherus.com">www.coherus.com</a>.

#### **Forward-Looking Statements**

Except for the historical information contained herein, the matters set forth in this press release, including statements regarding Coherus' plans, potential opportunities, expectations, projections, goals, objectives, milestones, strategies, product pipeline, clinical studies, product development, release of data and the potential benefits of its products under development are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including Coherus' expectations regarding its ability to advance its CHS-0214, CHS-1420 and CHS-1701 biosimilar drug candidates, file BLAs for CHS-1420 and CHS-1701 in the U.S. and file an MAA for CHS 0214 in the E.U. Such forward-looking statements involve substantial risks and uncertainties that could cause our clinical development programs, future results, performance or achievements to differ significantly from those expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, among others, the uncertainties inherent in the clinical drug development process, including the regulatory approval process, the timing of our regulatory filings and other matters that could affect the availability or commercial potential of our biosimilar drug candidates. Coherus undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements. For a further description of the risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ from those expressed in these forward-looking statements, as well as risks relating to Coherus' business in general, see Coherus' Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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# Coherus BioSciences, Inc.

# **Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations**

(in thousands, except share and per share data)

	Three Months Ended December 31, 2014 2013 (unaudited)			=	Year Ei December 2014			
Revenue:		,						
Collaboration and license revenue - related party	\$	448	\$	506	\$	1,893	\$	2,025
Collaboration and license revenue		5,313		726		28,481		726
Other revenue		732		_		732		_
Total revenue		6,493		1,232		31,106		2,751
Operating expenses:								
Research and development		26,867		9,222		78,224		31,279
General and administrative		6,186		2,497		17,564		7,465
Total operating expenses		33,053		11,719		95,788		38,744
Loss from operations		(26,560)		(10,487)		(64,682)		(35,993)
Interest expense		· —		(3,301)		(3,900)		(5,293)
Other expense, net		(2,463)		(803)		(18,595)		(12,349)
Net loss		(29,023)		(14,591)		(87,177)		(53,635)
Net (income) loss attributable to non-controlling interest		(111)				44		
Net loss attributable to Coherus	\$	(29,134)	\$	(14,591)	\$	(87,133)	\$	(53,635)
Net loss per share attributable to Coherus, basic and diluted	\$	(1.47)	\$	(3.68)	\$	(10.64)	\$	(16.10)
Weighted-average number of shares used in computing net loss per share attributable to Coherus, basic and diluted		9,841,728	3	,965,466	-	8,186,529	3	3,332,020

# Coherus BioSciences, Inc.

# **Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets**

(in thousands)

	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2013		
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 150,392	\$ 39,554		
Other assets	36,829	7,893		
Total assets	\$ 187,221	\$ 47,447		
Liabilities, Convertible Preferred Stock and Stockholders' Equity (Deficit)				
Deferred revenue	62,699	42,850		
Other liabilities	57,765	46,979		
Convertible preferred stock	_	54,695		
Total stockholders' equity (deficit)	66,757	(97,077)		
Total liabilities, convertible preferred stock and stockholders' equity (deficit)	\$ 187,221	\$ 47,447		

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