### 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): November 2, 2016

# Aduro Biotech, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-37345 (Commission File No.) 94-3348934 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

740 Heinz Avenue Berkeley, California (Address of principal executive offices)

> 94710 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (510) 848-4400

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):

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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))

#### Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On November 2, 2016, Aduro Biotech, Inc. ("Aduro") announced certain financial results for the three months ended September 30, 2016. A copy of Aduro's press release, titled "Aduro Biotech Reports Third Quarter 2016 Financial Results," is furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

# (d) Exhibits. Description Exhibit Description 99.1 Press Release, dated November 2, 2016, titled "Aduro Biotech Reports Third Quarter 2016 Financial Results"

The information in this report, including the exhibit hereto, shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section 11 and 12(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The information contained herein and in the accompanying exhibit shall not be incorporated by reference into any filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission made by Aduro Biotech, Inc., whether made before or after the date hereof, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

#### 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.

Dated: November 2, 2016

#### Aduro Biotech, Inc.

By: /s/ Jennifer Lew Jennifer Lew Senior Vice President of Finance

#### Description

Exhibit

99.1 Press Release, dated November 2, 2016, titled "Aduro Biotech Reports Third Quarter 2016 Financial Results"



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#### Aduro Biotech Reports Third Quarter 2016 Financial Results

BERKELEY, Calif., November 2, 2016 – Aduro Biotech, Inc. (NASDAQ: ADRO) today reported financial results for the third quarter 2016. Net loss for the three months ended September 30, 2016 was \$35.1 million, or \$0.54 per share, and for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 net loss was \$61.6 million, or \$0.96 per share, compared to a net income of \$0.6 million, or \$0.01 per share, and net loss of \$42.3 million, or \$1.09 per share respectively, for the same periods in 2015.

Cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities totaled \$387.1 million at September 30, 2016, compared to \$431.0 million at December 31, 2015.

#### Third Quarter 2016 Financial Results

Revenue for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2016 was \$3.8 million and \$46.8 million, respectively, compared to \$19.1 million and \$38.6 million, for the same periods in 2015. The decrease in the third quarter of 2016 was primarily related to the full recognition of the Janssen upfront license fee in 2015. The increase for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 was primarily due to the receipt of a \$35.0 million milestone payment from Novartis.

Research and development expenses for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2016 were \$19.0 million and \$66.9 million, respectively, compared to \$11.8 million and \$36.0 million for the same periods in 2015. The increase for the quarter was primarily due to licensing fees related to our STING technology platform and additional personnel-related costs which include stock-based compensation, partially offset by declines in contract manufacturing and clinical trial expenses for our pancreatic cancer program. The increase for the nine month period was primarily due to GVAX pancreas manufacturing expenses during the first half of 2016, and to a lesser extent due to additional personnel-related costs, contract research expenses, and licensing fees.

General and administrative expenses for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2016 were \$8.6 million and \$26.3 million, respectively, compared to \$6.9 million and \$19.0 million for the same periods in 2015. The increases in both periods were primarily due to additional personnel-related costs, including stock-based compensation, and the expansion of our office and laboratory facilities.

There was no loss from remeasurement of fair value of warrants during the quarter or nine months ended September 30, 2016 or for the third quarter of 2015. The \$26.1 million loss from remeasurement of fair value of warrants for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 occurred in April 2015 when certain outstanding warrants were no longer subject to future remeasurement.

Provision for income taxes for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2016 was \$11.7 million and \$16.4 million, respectively. There was no provision for income taxes for the comparable periods in 2015. The income tax expense recorded for the quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2016 was primarily related to current and deferred federal income taxes.

#### **About Aduro**

Aduro Biotech, Inc. is an immunotherapy company focused on the discovery, development and commercialization of therapies that transform the treatment of challenging diseases. Aduro's technology platforms, which are designed to harness the body's natural immune system, are being investigated in cancer indications and have the potential to expand into autoimmune and infectious diseases. Aduro's LADD technology platform is based on proprietary attenuated strains of *Listeria* that have been engineered to express tumor-associated antigens to induce specific and targeted immune responses. This platform is being developed as a treatment for multiple indications, including mesothelioma, ovarian, pancreatic, lung and prostate cancers, and glioblastoma. Aduro's STING Pathway Activator platform is designed to activate the intracellular STING receptor, resulting in a potent tumor-specific immune response. ADU-S100 is the first STING Pathway Activator compound to enter the clinic and is currently being evaluated in a Phase 1 study in patients with cutaneously accessible metastatic solid tumors or lymphomas. Aduro's B-select monoclonal antibody platform

includes a number of immune modulating assets in research and preclinical development. Aduro is collaborating with leading global pharmaceutical companies to expand its products and technology platforms. For more information, please visit www.aduro.com.

#### **Cautionary Note on Forward-Looking Statements**

This press release contains forward-looking statements for purposes of the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements include statements regarding our intentions or current expectations concerning, among other things, the potential for our technology, plans, timing and the availability of results of our clinical trials, our ability to resume new patient enrollment in LADD clinical trials and the potential for eventual regulatory approval of our product candidates. In some cases you can identify these statements by forward-looking words such as "may," "will," "continue," "anticipate," "intend," "could," "project," "expect" or the negative or plural of these words or similar expressions. Forwardlooking statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results and events to differ materially from those anticipated, including, but not limited to, our history of net operating losses and uncertainty regarding our ability to achieve profitability, our ability to develop and commercialize our product candidates, our ability to use and expand our technology platforms to build a pipeline of product candidates, our ability to obtain and maintain regulatory approval of our product candidates, our inability to operate in a competitive industry and compete successfully against competitors that have greater resources than we do, our reliance on third parties, and our ability to obtain and adequately protect intellectual property rights for our product candidates. We discuss many of these risks in greater detail under the heading "Risk Factors" contained in our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2016 to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance, and 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 press release. Any forward-looking statements that we make in this press release speak only as of the date of this press release. We assume no obligation to update our forward-looking statements whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, after the date of this press release.

#### ADURO BIOTECH, INC. Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (In thousands, except share and per share amounts) (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,				
		2016		2015	_	2016		2015
Revenue:								
Collaboration and license revenue	\$	3,794	\$	18,720	\$	46,715	\$	37,581
Grant revenue				426		88		1,022
Total revenue		3,794		19,146		46,803		38,603
Operating expenses:								
Research and development		19,046		11,813		66,855		35,992
General and administrative		8,556		6,908		26,255		19,000
Amortization of intangible assets		138		—		415		—
Total operating expenses		27,740		18,721		93,525		54,992
Income (loss) from operations		(23,946)		425		(46,722)		(16,389)
Loss from remeasurement of fair value of warrants				_		_		(26,077)
Interest income, net		566		139		1,540		156
Other (loss) income, net		(1)		3		(32)		1
Income (loss) before income tax		(23,381)		567		(45,214)		(42,309)
Provision for income taxes		11,670		_		16,368		
Net income (loss)	\$	(35,051)	\$	567	\$	(61,582)	\$	(42,309)
Net income (loss) per common share, basic	\$	(0.54)	\$	0.01	\$	(0.96)	\$	(1.09)
Net income (loss) per common share, diluted	\$	(0.54)	\$	0.01	\$	(0.96)	\$	(1.09)
Shares used in computing net loss per common share, basic		65,134,102		62,274,438		64,472,947		38,674,889
Shares used in computing net loss per common share, diluted		65,134,102		71,726,118		64,472,947	_	38,674,889

#### ADURO BIOTECH, INC. Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (In thousands) (Unaudited)

	September 30, 2016		
Assets			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 97,983	\$	150,456
Short-term marketable securities	271,985		265,198
Accounts receivable	1,056		4,846
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	7,199		4,004
Total current assets	378,223		424,504
Long-term marketable securities	17,179		15,391
Property and equipment, net	25,931		3,986
Goodwill	8,164		8,469
Intangible assets, net	29,805		29,400
Restricted cash	468		—
Other assets	7,216		75
Total assets	\$ 466,986	\$	481,825
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 1,908	\$	5,086
Accrued clinical trial and manufacturing expenses	7,283		5,522
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	9,678		5,412
Deferred revenue	15,164		15,046
Total current liabilities	 34,033		31,066
Deferred rent	5,937		_
Contingent consideration	3,542		3,750
Deferred revenue	166,667		178,037
Deferred tax liabilities	6,868		7,350
Total liabilities	217,047		220,203
Commitments and contingencies			
Stockholders' equity:			
Preferred stock			_
Common stock	7		6
Additional paid-in capital	411,516		362,807
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	850		(339)
Accumulated deficit	(162,434)		(100,852)
Total stockholders' equity	 249,939		261,622
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 466,986	\$	481,825