

VITAL THERAPIES INC
Form 8-K
September 12, 2018

**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): September 12, 2018

VITAL THERAPIES, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

001-36201
(Commission File Number)

56-2358443
(I.R.S. Employer Identification
Number)

**15010 Avenue of Science, Suite 200, San Diego, CA
92128**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(858) 673-6840
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(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:

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))

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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 [X]

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. [X]

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On September 12 2018, Vital Therapies, Inc. issued a press release announcing its VTL-308 study of ELAD®, a cell-based therapy targeting the treatment of acute forms of liver failure, failed to meet either its primary endpoint of overall survival or a secondary endpoint of proportion of survivors at study day 91. Consequently, the Company reported it will cease any further development of the ELAD System and explore strategic options.

The full text of the press release announcing results is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated September 12, 2018.

SIGNATURE

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.

VITAL THERAPIES, INC.

Date: September 12, 2018

By: /s/ Michael V. Swanson
Michael V. Swanson
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

99.1 Press Release dated September 12, 2018.