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): October 20, 2016

Pain Therapeutics, Inc. (Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

000-29959 (Commission File Number)

91-1911336 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

7801 N Capital of Texas Highway, Suite 260, Austin, TX 78731

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

512-501-2444

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 20, 2016, the Registrant issued a press release, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1. Press release dated October 20, 2016

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.

Pain Therapeutics, Inc.

Date: October 20, 2016 By: /s/ Peter S. Roddy

Peter S. Roddy Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

Pain Therapeutics Reports Q3 2016 Financial Results

AUSTIN, Texas, Oct. 20, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Pain Therapeutics, Inc. (Nasdaq:PTIE) today reported financial results for the third quarter of 2016. Net loss in Q3 2016 was \$3.5 million, or \$0.08 per share, compared to a net loss in Q3 2015 of \$3.7 million, or \$0.08 per share.

At September 30, 2016, cash and investments were \$21.8 million, compared to \$24.6 million at June 30, 2016. The Company has no debt.

"We continue to evaluate the comments recently raised by the FDA with regards to REMOXY," said Remi Barbier, President and Chief Executive Officer. "We are encouraged by the preliminary feedback we have received from external experts in the field and look forward to announcing a new strategy after further consultation with external advisors."

Financial Highlights for Q3 2016

- Research and development expenses increased to \$2.7 million in Q3 2016 from \$2.4 million in Q3 2015, primarily due to increased activities related to REMOXY ER (oxycodone capsules CII). Research and development expenses included non-cash stock-related compensation costs of \$0.3 million in both Q3 2016 and Q3 2015.
- General and administrative expenses decreased to \$0.9 million in Q3 2016 from \$1.3 million in Q3 2015, primarily due to lower compensation costs. General and administrative expenses included non-cash stock-related compensation costs of \$0.5 million in both Q3 2016 and Q3 2015.
- Net cash used in Q3 2016 was \$2.8 million.

About Pain Therapeutics, Inc.

We develop proprietary drugs that offer significant improvements to patients and physicians. Our expertise consists of developing new drugs and guiding these through various regulatory and development pathways in preparation for their eventual commercialization. We generally focus our drug development efforts around disorders of the nervous system, such as chronic pain. The FDA has not yet established the safety or efficacy of our drug candidates.

Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements: This press release contains forward-looking statements for purposes of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the "Act"). Pain Therapeutics disclaims any intent or obligation to update these forward-looking statements, and claims the protection of the Safe Harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Act. Examples of such statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding announcing a new strategy, developing proprietary drugs that offer significant improvements to patients and physicians and guiding new drugs through various regulatory and development pathways. Such statements are based on management's current expectations, but actual results may differ materially due to various factors. Such statements involve risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, those risks and uncertainties relating to difficulties or delays in completion of development activities and testing of our other drug candidates; unexpected adverse side effects or inadequate therapeutic efficacy of our drug candidates; the uncertainty of patent protection for our intellectual property or trade secrets; unanticipated additional research and development, litigation and other costs; and the potential for abuse-deterrent pain medications or other competing products to be developed by competitors and potential competitors or others. For further information regarding these and other risks related to our business, investors should consult our filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Financial Tables Follow –

PAIN THERAPEUTICS, INC. CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (in thousands, except per share amounts)

(Unaudited)

	Inree months ended September 30, 1				min	Nine months ended September 30,			
	2016		2015		2016		2015		
Operating expenses	,								
Research and development	\$	2,657	\$	2,356	\$	7,841	\$	5,480	
General and administrative		884		1,330		4,573		4,188	
Total operating expenses		3,541		3,686		12,414		9,668	
Operating loss		(3,541)		(3,686)		(12,414)		(9,668)	
Interest income		23		15		86		40	
Net loss	\$	(3,518)	\$	(3,671)	\$	(12,328)	\$	(9,628)	
Net loss per share, basic and diluted	\$	(0.08)	\$	(80.0)	\$	(0.27)	\$	(0.21)	

Weighted-average shares used in computing				
net loss per share, basic and diluted	45,742	45,356	45,603	45,356

CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS (in thousands)

		September 30, 2016 (Unaudited)		December 31, 2015 ⁽¹⁾	
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Assets					
Current assets					
Cash, cash equivalents and marketable securities	\$	21,764	\$	31,299	
Other current assets		456		392	
Total current assets		22,220		31,691	
Other assets		262		227	
Total assets	\$	22,482	\$	31,918	
Liabilities and stockholders' equity					
Current liabilities					
Accounts payable and accrued development expenses	\$	1,827	\$	1,928	
Other accrued liabilities		340		623	
Total current liabilities		2,167		2,551	
Non-current liabilities		_		_	
Total liabilities		2,167		2,551	
Stockholders' equity					
Common Stock and additional paid-in-capital		163,280		160,005	
Accumulated other comprehensive income		1		_	
Accumulated deficit		(142,966)		(130,638)	
Total stockholders' equity		20,315		29,367	
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	22,482	\$	31,918	

(1) Derived from the Company's annual financial statements as of December 31, 2015, included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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