

AGENUS INC
Form 8-K
June 09, 2016

**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): **June 9, 2016**

AGENUS INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE **000-29089** **06-1562417**
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer
of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)
3 Forbes Road

Lexington, MA **02421**
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip
Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **781-674-4400**

N/A
(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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

Agenus Inc. (the “Agenus”) announced today the selection of a lead product candidate under its license and research collaboration with Merck. Merck, known as MSD outside the United States and Canada, has selected a lead antibody candidate and several backup antibodies, discovered by Agenus, to an undisclosed Merck checkpoint target. Based on this milestone and under the terms of the agreement, Agenus received a \$2 million milestone payment from Merck. As previously announced, Merck will be responsible for all future product development expenses for the selected antibody candidate and Agenus is eligible to receive up to \$100 million in milestone payments, as well as royalties on worldwide product sales.

The full text of the press release issued in connection with the announcement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description of Exhibit

99.1 Press Release dated June 9, 2016.

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: June 9, 2016 **AGENUS INC.**

By: /s/ C. Evan Ballantyne
C. Evan Ballantyne
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description of Exhibit

99.1 Press Release dated June 9, 2016.