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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 27, 2016**

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**TOKAI PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

(Exact Name of Company as Specified in Charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-36620**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**20-1000967**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**255 State Street, 6th floor**  
**Boston, Massachusetts 02109**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

**Company's telephone number, including area code: (617) 225-4305**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

(b) On May 27, 2016, Karen J. Ferrante, M.D., the company's Chief Medical Officer, informed us of her intent to retire by the end of 2016. We plan to engage Dr. Ferrante as a strategic medical advisor following her retirement. We have retained a leading executive search firm to conduct a search for Dr. Ferrante's successor.

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**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.

**TOKAI PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

Date: May 31, 2016

By: /s/ Gerald E. Quirk

Gerald E. Quirk

Executive Vice President, Business Operations and General Counsel