
**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 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): January 10, 2024

BIO-PATH HOLDINGS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-36333

(Commission File Number)

87-0652870

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

4710 Bellaire Boulevard, Suite 210, Bellaire, Texas

(Address of principal executive offices)

77401

(Zip Code)

(832) 742-1357

(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)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- 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))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

<u>Title of each class</u>	<u>Trading Symbol</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	BPTH	The Nasdaq Capital Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

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.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On January 10, 2024, Bio-Path Holdings, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release titled, “Bio-Path Holdings Announces Completion of First Dose Cohort in Phase 1 Clinical Trial Evaluating BP1002 to Treat Refractory/Relapsed Lymphoma and Refractory/Relapsed Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia Patients.” A copy of such press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit

Number

Description

99.1 Press release dated January 10, 2024.

104 The cover page from this Current Report on Form 8-K, formatted in Inline XBRL (included as Exhibit 101).

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this Current Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

BIO-PATH HOLDINGS, INC.

Dated: January 10, 2024

By: /s/ Peter H. Nielsen

Peter H. Nielsen

President and Chief Executive Officer



Bio-Path Holdings Announces Completion of First Dose Cohort in Phase 1 Clinical Trial Evaluating BP1002 to Treat Refractory/Relapsed Lymphoma and Refractory/Relapsed Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia Patients

Targeting Bcl-2 Protein Offers Potential Treatment for Patients Who Have Failed or Relapsed from Venetoclax-Based Frontline Therapy

HOUSTON – January 10, 2024 – Bio-Path Holdings, Inc., (NASDAQ:BPTH), a biotechnology company leveraging its proprietary DNabilize® antisense RNAi nanoparticle technology to develop a portfolio of targeted nucleic acid cancer drugs, today announced completion of the first dose cohort of the dose escalation portion of its Phase 1 clinical trial of BP1002 evaluating the ability of BP1002, a liposomal Bcl-2 nanoparticle antisense, for the treatment of refractory/relapsed lymphoma and refractory/relapsed chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) patients.

“We are delighted to safely complete this first dose cohort and to advance BP1002 into the next cohort as it brings us one step closer to providing access to this very promising treatment for the most vulnerable patients who have limited therapeutic options,” said Peter Nielsen, President and Chief Executive Officer of Bio-Path Holdings. “We look forward to advancing this study into higher dose cohorts with the expectation that increased levels of BP1002 will prove even more efficacious and continue its safety profile in these sickest of sick patients.”

BP1002 targets the protein Bcl-2, which is responsible for driving cell survival in up to 60% of all cancers. High expression of Bcl-2 has been correlated with adverse prognosis for patients diagnosed with relapsed, aggressive non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma. Preclinical studies have shown BP1002 to be a potent inhibitor against the Bcl-2 target, and Bio-Path believes that its benign safety profile should enable BP1002 combination therapy with approved agents.

In the Phase 1 trial, refractory/relapsed CLL patients, including those who have failed or relapsed from venetoclax-based frontline therapy, as well as refractory/relapsed lymphoma patients, will be treated with BP1002. Venetoclax targets the Bcl-2 protein based on neutralizing the protein’s BH3 domain and is a frontline treatment for CLL patients and newly diagnosed, elderly acute myeloid leukemia (AML) patients. With the exception of some patients treated with allogeneic hematopoietic cell transplantation, patients treated with venetoclax-based therapies frequently relapse, primarily due to BH3 domain mutations over time. Bio-Path’s BP1002 also targets the Bcl-2 protein, but its activity is based on blocking the Bcl-2 messenger RNA and the expression of the Bcl-2 protein, and not the BH3 domain. As a result, Bio-Path believes that BP1002 could provide an alternative treatment for venetoclax refractory/relapsed CLL patients. Bio-Path also believes there may be AML patients who fail or relapse from venetoclax-based frontline treatment for the same reason, potentially representing an additional opportunity for Bio-Path to treat those patients with BP1002.

The Phase 1 clinical trial is being conducted at several leading cancer centers, including the Georgia Cancer Center, The University of Texas Southwest and New York Medical College. Locke Bryan, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine at the Georgia Cancer Center, is serving as National Principal Investigator for the Phase 1 trial. A total of six evaluable patients will be treated with BP1002 monotherapy in a standard 3+3 design, with a starting dose of 20 mg/m². The approved treatment cycle is two doses per week over four weeks, resulting in eight doses administered over 28 days. Enrollment is now open for patients for the second dose cohort of 40 mg/m². The primary objective of the study is to evaluate the safety and tolerability of escalating doses of BP1002.

About Bio-Path Holdings, Inc.

Bio-Path is a biotechnology company developing DNabilize®, a novel technology that has yielded a pipeline of RNAi nanoparticle drugs that can be administered with a simple intravenous transfusion. Bio-Path’s lead product candidate, prexigebersen (BP1001, targeting the Grb2 protein), is in a Phase 2 study for blood cancers, and BP1001-A, a drug product modification of prexigebersen, is in a Phase 1/1b study for solid tumors. The Company’s second product, BP1002, which targets the Bcl-2 protein, is being evaluated for the treatment of blood cancers and solid

tumors, including lymphoma and acute myeloid leukemia. In addition, an IND is expected to be filed for BP1003, a novel liposome-incorporated STAT3 antisense oligodeoxynucleotide developed by Bio-Path as a specific inhibitor of STAT3.

For more information, please visit the Company's website at <http://www.biopathholdings.com>.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements that are made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the federal securities laws. These statements are based on management's current expectations and accordingly are subject to uncertainty and changes in circumstances. Any express or implied statements contained in this press release that are not statements of historical fact may be deemed to be forward-looking statements. Any statements that are not historical facts contained in this release are forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties, including Bio-Path's ability to raise needed additional capital on a timely basis in order for it to continue its operations, have success in the clinical development of its technologies, the timing of enrollment and release of data in such clinical studies, the accuracy of such data, limited patient populations of early stage clinical studies and the possibility that results from later stage clinical trials with much larger patient populations may not be consistent with earlier stage clinical trials, the maintenance of intellectual property rights, that patents relating to existing or future patent applications will be issued or that any issued patents will provide meaningful protection of our drug candidates, the impact, risks and uncertainties related to global pandemics, including the COVID-19 pandemic, and actions taken by governmental authorities or others in connection therewith, and such other risks which are identified in Bio-Path's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, in any subsequent quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and in other reports that Bio-Path files with the Securities and Exchange Commission from time to time. These documents are available on request from Bio-Path Holdings or at www.sec.gov. Bio-Path disclaims any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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