

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

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**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 13, 2017**

**SPECTRUM PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-35006**

(Commission  
File Number)

**93-0979187**

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**11500 S. Eastern Ave., Ste. 240, Henderson, NV**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**89052**

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(702) 835-6300**

Not Applicable

(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))

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.

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**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement**

On October 13, 2017, Spectrum Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the “Company”) entered into the First Amendment (the “Amendment”) to the Company’s Rights Agreement, dated as of December 13, 2010 (the “Rights Agreement), by and between the Company and Computershare Trust Company, N.A. (the “Rights Agent”). Pursuant to Section 27 of the Rights Agreement, the Company amended the Rights Agreement to add the defined term “Designated Holder” for the purpose of providing a limited exemption to a specified institutional investor and its subsidiaries and affiliates (collectively, the “Investor”) from the definition of “Acquiring Person” under the Rights Agreement. This limited exemption permits the Investor to become the beneficial owner of up to 19.99% of the common shares of the Company then outstanding without becoming an Acquiring Person (as defined in the Rights Agreement) rather than the 14.99% threshold otherwise applicable. The Investor will be deemed a Designated Holder until the earliest of (a) such time as the Investor ceases to beneficially own 10% or more of the common shares of the Company, (b) the specified institutional investor or any parent entity is subject to a change of control or (c) the Investor reports or is required to report on Schedule 13D (or any successor or comparable report) its beneficial ownership of common shares of the Company. The foregoing description of the Amendment is qualified in its entirety by reference to the applicable provisions of the Amendment, which is filed as Exhibit 4.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 3.03 Material Modification to Rights of Security Holders**

The description of the Amendment to the Rights Agreement set forth above under Item 1.01 “Entry Into a Material Definitive Agreement” is incorporated into this Item 3.03 by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits.

**Exhibit**

**No. Description**

4.1 [First Amendment to Rights Agreement, by and between Spectrum Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., as Rights Agent, dated October 13, 2017.](#)

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**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.

**SPECTRUM PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

Date: October 13, 2017

By: /s/ Kurt A. Gustafson

Kurt A. Gustafson

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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## EXHIBIT INDEX

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## FIRST AMENDMENT TO RIGHTS AGREEMENT

This First Amendment to Rights Agreement (this “*Amendment*”) is dated as of October 13, 2017, by and between Spectrum Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “*Company*”), and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., a national banking association (the “*Rights Agent*”), and amends the Rights Agreement, dated as of December 13, 2010, by and between the Company and the Rights Agent (the “*Rights Agreement*”). Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Rights Agreement. All section and exhibit references herein are to sections and exhibits of the Rights Agreement.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 27 of the Rights Agreement, the Company and the Rights Agent may from time to time supplement or amend any provision of the Rights Agreement in accordance with the terms of such Section 27.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing premises and mutual agreements set forth in this Amendment, the parties hereto hereby amend the Rights Agreement as follows:

1. The definition of the term “Acquiring Person” set forth in Section 1(a) of the Rights Agreement is hereby amended and restated in its entirety to read as follows:

“(a) “Acquiring Person” shall mean any Person who or which, together with all Affiliates and Associates of such Person, shall be the Beneficial Owner of 15% or more of the Common Shares then outstanding, but shall not include (i) an Exempt Person or (ii) any Designated Holder, unless and until such time as such Designated Holder shall become the Beneficial Owner of 20% or more of the Common Shares then outstanding. Notwithstanding the foregoing:

(i) any Person who becomes the Beneficial Owner of 15% (or, in the case of a Designated Holder, 20%) or more of the Common Shares then outstanding as a result of a reduction in the number of Common Shares outstanding due to the repurchase of Common Shares by the Company shall not be deemed an “Acquiring Person” unless and until such Person acquires Beneficial Ownership of any additional Common Shares (other than as a result of a stock dividend, stock split, or similar transaction effected by the Company in which all registered holders of Common Shares are treated substantially equally) while the Beneficial Owner of 15% (or, in the case of a Designated Holder, 20%) or more of the Common Shares then outstanding; and

(ii) if the Board of Directors of the Company determines in good faith that a Person who would otherwise be an Acquiring Person has become such inadvertently (including, without limitation, because (A) such Person was unaware that it Beneficially Owned a percentage of Common Shares that would otherwise cause such Person to be an Acquiring Person or (B) such Person was aware of the extent of its Beneficial Ownership of Common Shares but had no actual knowledge of the consequences of such Beneficial Ownership under this Agreement and had no intention of changing or influencing control of the Company), and such Person divests as promptly as practicable a sufficient number of Common Shares so that such Person is no longer the Beneficial Owner

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of 15% (or, in the case of a Designated Holder, 20%) or more of the Common Shares then outstanding then such Person shall not be deemed to be or ever to have been an “Acquiring Person” for any purposes of this Agreement as a result of such inadvertent acquisition.”

2. The definition of the term “Designated Holder” is hereby added as a new Section 1(tt) of the Rights Agreement to read as follows:

“(tt) “Designated Holder” shall mean BlackRock, Inc., together with all of its Affiliates and Associates (“BlackRock”), until the earliest of (a) such time as BlackRock ceases to beneficially own 10% or more of the Common Shares of the Company, (b) such time as BlackRock, Inc. or any Parent (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the General Rules and Regulations under the Exchange Act, as in effect on the date of this Agreement) is subject to a change of control as determined by the Board of Directors in its sole discretion, or (c) such time as BlackRock reports or is required to report on Schedule 13D (or any successor or comparable report) its beneficial ownership of Common Shares of the Company.”

3. Nothing in the Rights Agreement, as amended by this Amendment, shall be construed to give to any Person other than the Company, the Rights Agent, and the registered holders of the Rights Certificates (and, prior to the Distribution Date, of the Common Shares) any legal or equitable right, remedy, or claim under the Rights Agreement, as amended by this Amendment; but the Rights Agreement, as amended by this Amendment, shall be for the sole and exclusive benefit of the Company, the Rights Agent, and the registered holders of the Rights Certificates (and, prior to the Distribution Date, of the Common Shares).

4. If any term, provision, covenant or restriction of this Amendment is held by a court of competent jurisdiction or other authority to be invalid, void or unenforceable, the remainder of the terms, provisions, covenants and restrictions of this Amendment shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired or invalidated.

5. This Amendment shall be deemed to be a contract made under the laws of the State of Delaware and for all purposes shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of such State applicable to contracts made and to be performed entirely within such State.

6. This Amendment shall be effective as of the date hereof and, except as expressly set forth herein, the Rights Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and be otherwise unaffected hereby.

7. This Amendment may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which, when executed, shall be deemed to be an original and all such counterparts shall together constitute one and the same document.

[Signature Page Follows]

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Amendment as of the date first written above.

**SPECTRUM PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

By: /s/ Rajesh C. Shrotriya, M.D.

Name: Rajesh C. Shrotriya, M.D.

Title: Chief Executive Officer

**COMPUTERSHARE TRUST COMPANY, N.A.**

By: /s/ David L. Adamson

Name: David L. Adamson

Title: Vice President