AVANIR PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. Form 8-K January 10, 2014

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): January 6, 2014

Avanir Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-15803 (Commission File Number) 33-0314804 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

20 Enterprise, Suite 200, Aliso Viejo, California (Address of principal executive offices)

92656 (Zip Code)

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Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (949) 389-6700

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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- " 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))

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On January 6, 2014, Scott M. Whitcup, M.D. resigned from the Board of Directors of Avanir Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the Company). Prior to his resignation, Dr. Whitcup served as Chairman of the Science Committee and as a member of each of the Corporate Governance Committee and Executive Committee. Dr. Whitcup s resignation was not caused by a disagreement with the Company.

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: January 10, 2014 Avanir Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

By: /s/ Christine G. Ocampo Christine G. Ocampo Vice President, Finance

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