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): March 3, 2016

Heron Therapeutics, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	001-33221	94-2875566
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
123 Saginaw Drive, Redwood City, California		94063
(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 650-366-2626

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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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 8.01 Other Events.

On March 3, 2016, Heron Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (the "FDA") has informed the Company that it anticipates concluding its review of the New Drug Application of SUSTOL® (granisetron) Injection, extended release, by early April 2016. A copy of the press release describing the communication received from the FDA is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit No./ Description

99.1 Press Release, dated March 3, 2016

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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.

Heron Therapeutics, Inc.

March 3, 2016

By: /s/ Brian Drazba

Name: Brian Drazba
Title: Vice President, Finance & Chief Financial Officer

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99.1	Press Release, dated March 3, 2016

EXHIBIT 99.1

Heron Therapeutics Provides Update on SUSTOL® NDA

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. – March 3, 2016 – Heron Therapeutics, Inc. (NASDAQ: HRTX), announced today that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has informed the Company that it anticipates concluding its review of the New Drug Application (NDA) of SUSTOL® (granisetron) Injection, extended release, by early April 2016. The Company is working closely with the FDA to facilitate the completion of its review.

“We remain committed to SUSTOL and the benefit it may provide to patients suffering from chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting and continue to be optimistic regarding the FDA’s review of the SUSTOL NDA,” commented Barry D. Quart, Pharm.D., Chief Executive Officer of Heron Therapeutics. “We continue to be ready for the commercial launch of SUSTOL in the second quarter of 2016, if approved.”

About SUSTOL® (granisetron) Injection, extended release

SUSTOL is a long-acting formulation of the FDA-approved 5-hydroxytryptamine type 3 (5-HT_3) receptor antagonist granisetron being developed for the prevention of both acute and delayed chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting (CINV) associated with moderately emetogenic chemotherapy (MEC) or highly emetogenic chemotherapy (HEC). SUSTOL is formulated utilizing Heron’s proprietary Biochronomer® drug delivery technology, and has been shown to maintain therapeutic drug levels of granisetron for at least five days with a single subcutaneous injection.

About Heron Therapeutics, Inc.

Heron Therapeutics, Inc. is a biotechnology company focused on improving the lives of patients by developing best-in-class medicines that address major unmet medical needs. Heron is developing novel, patient-focused solutions that apply its innovative science and technologies to already-approved pharmacological agents for patients suffering from cancer or pain. Heron’s goal is to build on therapeutics with well-known pharmacology by improving their tolerability and efficacy as well as broadening their potential field of use. For more information, visit www.herontx.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

This news release contains “forward-looking statements” as defined by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Heron cautions readers that forward-looking statements are based on management’s expectations and assumptions as of the date of this news release and are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, those associated with: whether the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) completes its review within the anticipated time period, whether the FDA approves the SUSTOL NDA as submitted or supports as broad of a labeled indication for SUSTOL as requested, the potential market opportunity for SUSTOL and expected timing of the commercial launch, the progress in the research and development of HTX-019, HTX-011 and our other programs, including the timing of preclinical, clinical, and manufacturing activities, safety and efficacy results from our studies that may not justify the pursuit of further development of our product candidates, acceptance of SUSTOL and new products generally, our financial position and our ability to raise additional capital to fund operations, if necessary, or to pursue additional business opportunities, strategic business alliances we may pursue or the potential acquisition of products or technologies, and our ability to grow our organization to sustain the commercial launch for SUSTOL, and other risks and uncertainties identified in the Company’s filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Forward-looking statements reflect our analysis only on their stated date, and Heron takes no obligation to update or revise these statements except as may be required by law.

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