

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

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**FORM 6-K**

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**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER  
PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-16 OR 15D-16 UNDER THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Dated February 9, 2015

Commission File Number 001-36421

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**AURINIA PHARMACEUTICALS INC.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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N/A

(Translation of Registrant's Name)

#1203-4464 Markham Street  
Victoria, British Columbia  
V8Z7X8  
(250) 708-4272

(Address and telephone number of registrant's principle executive offices)

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Yes  No

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): Not applicable

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: February 9, 2015

**Aurinia Pharmaceuticals Inc.**

By: /s/ Michael R. Martin

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Name: Michael R. Martin

Title: Chief Operating Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit</u>	<u>Description of Exhibit</u>
99.1	News Release – Aurinia Pharmaceuticals to initiate an open label clinical study to investigate the impact of voclosporin on lupus nephritis biomarkers

## **Aurinia Pharmaceuticals to Initiate an Open Label Clinical Study to Investigate the Impact of Voclosporin on Lupus Nephritis Biomarkers**

VICTORIA, British Columbia--(BUSINESS WIRE)--February 9, 2015--Aurinia Pharmaceuticals Inc. (the "Company") (NASDAQ:AUPH) (TSX:AUP) today announced that it will initiate an open label, exploratory study to assess the short term predictors of response using voclosporin in combination with mycophenolate mofetil in patients with active lupus nephritis. AURION (Aurinia early Urinary protein **Reduction** Predicts Response) will examine biomarkers of disease activity at 8 weeks and their ability to predict response at 24 and 48 weeks. The Company expects to complete patient enrolment of this small pilot study by the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of this year.

The Company expects that this study will act in support of its ongoing lupus nephritis clinical program. This study should provide the lupus community with a more clear understanding of voclosporin's time to onset of action and clinical outcomes.

In the **Aspreva Lupus Management Study (ALMS)**, one of the largest registration quality studies ever completed that investigated the treatment of lupus nephritis, certain biomarkers after 8 weeks were extremely predictive of 24 week response rates. "We believe the AURION study has the potential to provide validation for these early biomarkers and provide valuable tools to clinicians who are managing patients with this debilitating disease," said Dr. Neil Solomons, MD, Chief Medical Officer of Aurinia Pharmaceuticals Inc. and co-author of ALMS.

### ***About Aurinia***

Aurinia is a clinical stage pharmaceutical company focused on the global nephrology market. It is currently enrolling patients in its Phase 2b clinical trial to evaluate the efficacy of its drug, voclosporin, as a treatment for lupus nephritis ("LN"). LN is an inflammation of the kidneys, that if inadequately treated can lead to end-stage renal disease, making LN a serious and potentially life-threatening condition.

Voclosporin is a novel and potentially best in class calcineurin inhibitor ("CNI") with extensive clinical data in over 2,600 patients in other indications. Voclosporin is made by a modification of a single amino acid of the cyclosporine molecule (a CNI approved for use in transplant patients since 1983). This modification results in a more predictable pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic relationship, an increase in potency vs. cyclosporine, an altered metabolic profile, and potential for flat dosing.

Aurinia also has development and commercialization partners in Canada, Israel, South Africa and Greater China. Visit [www.auriniapharma.com](http://www.auriniapharma.com), [www.sedar.com](http://www.sedar.com) and [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) for more information.

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***About ALMS:***

The Aspreva Lupus Management Study (ALMS) incorporated a six month induction phase comparing mycophenolate mofetil (MMF) to Cyclophosphamide, and this data was published in the Journal of the American Society of Nephrology in 2009. Following the ALMS induction phase a three year maintenance period was studied comparing MMF and Azathioprine, and this data was published in the New England Journal of Medicine in 2011.

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