

**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 25, 2020

INCYTE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

001-12400
(Commission File Number)

94-3136539
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**1801 Augustine Cut-Off
Wilmington, DE**
(Address of principal executive offices)

19803
(Zip Code)

(302) 498-6700
(Registrant's telephone number,
including area code)

N/A
(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 obligations 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:

Title of each class	Trading symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$.001 par value per share	INCY	The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC

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

Election of Directors

Effective March 25, 2020, the Board of Directors of Incyte Corporation (the “Company”) increased the number of authorized members of the Board of Directors of the Company to ten and elected Katherine A. High, M.D. a member of the Board of Directors of the Company.

Dr. High, age 68, served as President of Spark Therapeutics, Inc., a gene therapy company, from September 2014 until February 2020 and served as Head of Research and Development of Spark from September 2017 until February 2020. From September 2014 through September 2017, Dr. High served as Chief Scientific Officer of Spark. Prior to serving as President of Spark, Dr. High provided advice to Spark and subsequently served as an independent consultant to Spark from December 2013 to September 2014. From July 1999 through September 2014, Dr. High was a Professor at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. From March 2003 through September 2014, Dr. High was an Investigator of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. Dr. High served as the Director of the Center for Cellular and Molecular Therapeutics at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia from September 2004 to April 2014. Dr. High is also a member of the board of directors of CRISPR Therapeutics AG and served on the board of directors of Spark from September 2014 until its acquisition in December 2019.

There is no arrangement or understanding between Dr. High and any other person pursuant to which she was selected as a director of the Company, and there is no family relationship between Dr. High and any of the Company’s other directors or executive officers. The Company is not aware of any transaction involving Dr. High requiring disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

As a non-employee member of the Board of Directors of the Company, Dr. High will be entitled to receipt of the same cash and equity compensation paid by the Company to each of its non-employee directors, as described in the Company’s proxy statement for its 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders filed on March 21, 2019.

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.

Dated: March 26, 2020

INCYTE CORPORATION

By: _____ /s/ Maria E. Pasquale
Maria E. Pasquale
Executive Vice President and
General Counsel
