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): February 28, 2018

Heat Biologics, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-35994 (Commission File Number) 26-2844103

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

801 Capitola Drive Durham, NC 27713

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(919) 240-7133

(Registrant's telephone number including area code)

N/A

(Former Name and Former Address)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of 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(b) 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 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 checkmark 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 8.01. Other Events

On February 28, 2018, Heat Biologics, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing interim results from its Phase 2 study investigating HS-110 in combination with the Bristol-Myers Squibb's anti-PD-1 checkpoint inhibitor, nivolumab (Opdivo®), in patients with non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) whose cancers have progressed after treatment with one or more lines of therapy.

Among the 35 patients in the Intent-to-Treat ("ITT") population, 6 patients (17%) achieved a partial response and 14 patients (40%) achieved disease control. Evaluable ITT patients (those who underwent at least one follow-up scan regardless of treatment duration) demonstrated overall response and disease control rates of 26% and 67%, respectively. Overall responses appeared durable and long lasting. The survival data are still maturing, and median overall survival has not yet been reached. The combination of HS-110 and nivolumab was well tolerated, with no additional toxicities compared to what has been observed with single agent checkpoint inhibitors.

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A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

The Company is also hosting an analyst and investor event on February 28, 2018 to present the interim Phase 2 results. In connection with this analyst and investor event, the Company intends to discuss the slide presentation attached as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, which is incorporated herein by reference.

The press release attached as Exhibit 99.1 and the slide presentation attached as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K include "safe harbor" language pursuant to the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, as amended, indicating that certain statements contained in the press release or the slide presentation are "forward-looking" rather than historical.

The Company undertakes no duty or obligation to update or revise information included in this Current Report on Form 8-K or the related Exhibits 99.1 or 99.2.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
<u>99.1</u>	Press Release dated February 28, 2018
99.2	Heat Biologics, Inc. presentation dated February 28, 2018

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.

Dated: February 28, 2018

HEAT BIOLOGICS, INC.

By: /s/ Jeff Wolf Name: Jeff Wolf Title: Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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99 1	Press Release dated February 28, 2018

99.2 Heat Biologics, Inc. presentation dated February 28, 2018



Heat Biologics Announces Positive Interim Data from its Phase 2 Clinical Trial of HS-110 and Nivolumab in Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC)

- Tumor shrinkage and disease control demonstrated in a majority of evaluable patients
- HS-110 + nivolumab combination showed durable responses in difficult-to-treat low TIL patients and low PD-L1 patients, who respond poorly to checkpoint inhibitors
- · Data consistent with HS-110 mechanism of action
- · Live Webcast at 8am Eastern Time today

DURHAM, NC – February 28, 2018 – Heat Biologics, Inc. (Nasdaq: HTBX), a biopharmaceutical company developing drugs designed to activate a patient's immune system against cancer, today announced interim results from its Phase 2 study investigating HS-110 in combination with Bristol-Myers Squibb's anti-PD-1 checkpoint inhibitor, nivolumab (Opdivo®), in patients with advanced non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) whose cancers have progressed after treatment with one or more lines of therapy.

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George Peoples, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, stated, "The results from this combination trial with HS-110 and nivolumab are very promising, demonstrating durable responses in those patients with low levels of TIL and PD-L1. These patients represent the most difficult-to-treat patient groups and comprise the majority of the NSCLC population."

"We look forward to continuing patient enrollment to better define the optimal NSCLC population and inform the design of a pivotal trial," commented Jeff Wolf, Chairman and CEO. "These data are consistent with the mechanism of action of our T-cell Activation Platform that promotes a robust T-cell immune response, an important component of an effective immunotherapy combination against cancer."

DURGA Trial Design

The ongoing DURGA trial is a single arm multicenter trial that was designed to evaluate the combination of HS-110 and nivolumab in patients with NSCLC. Patients with advanced and previously treated NSCLC were treated with weekly HS-110 for 18 weeks and nivolumab 3 mg/kg every 2 weeks until disease progression or death. The primary endpoints are 1) safety and tolerability, and 2) objective response rate as defined by RECIST 1.1 criteria. Secondary endpoints include disease control rate, duration of response, peripheral blood immune response, progression-free survival and overall survival.

Live Webcast with Slides

The interim data from the DURGA trial will be presented at an analyst event, taking place at 8am Eastern Time, today, Wednesday February 28th. To register and watch a live webcast of the event, visit http://lifesci.rampard.com/20180228.

About Heat Biologics, Inc.

Heat Biologics is a biopharmaceutical company developing immunotherapies designed to activate a patient's immune system against cancer by inducing CD8+ "Killer" T-cells. Our T-cell Activation Platform (TCAP) produces therapies designed to turn "cold" tumors "hot," and be administered in combination with checkpoint inhibitor therapies and other immuno-modulators to increase their effectiveness. We are currently enrolling patients in our Phase 2 clinical trial for non-small cell lung cancer, in combination with Bristol-Myers Squibb's nivolumab (Opdivo®). Pelican Therapeutics, a subsidiary of Heat, is focused on the development of co-stimulatory monoclonal antibody and fusion protein-based therapies designed to activate the immune system. We also have numerous pre-clinical programs at various stages of development. For more information, please visit www.heatbio.com.

Forward Looking Statements

This press release includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 on our current expectations and projections about future events. In some cases, forward-looking statements can be identified by terminology such as "may," "should," "potential," "continue," "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "plans," "believes," "estimates," and similar expressions. These statements are based upon current beliefs, expectations and assumptions and include statements regarding our continued enrollment of patients in this trial, the future pivotal trial and the potential benefits of our products. These statements are based on management's expectations and assumptions as of the date of this press release and are subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, many of which are difficult to predict that could cause actual results to differ materially from current expectations and assumptions from those set forth or implied by any forward-looking statements, including the ability of Heat's ImPACT therapy to perform as designed, to demonstrate safety and efficacy, as well as results that are consistent with results from the interim data and prior results, the ability to enroll patients and complete the clinical trials on time and achieve desired results and benefits. Heat's ability to obtain regulatory approvals for commercialization of product candidates or to comply with ongoing regulatory requirements, regulatory limitations relating to Heat's ability to promote or commercialize its product candidates for specific indications, acceptance of its product candidates in the marketplace and the successful development, marketing or sale of products, Heat's ability to maintain its license agreements, the continued maintenance and growth of its patent estate, its ability to establish and maintain collaborations, its ability to obtain or maintain the capital or grants necessary to fund its research and development activities, and its ability to retain its key scientists or management personnel, its ability to successfully integrate Pelican, and the other factors described in Heat's most recent annual report on Form 10-K and other filings with the SEC. The information in this release is provided only as of the date of this release and the company undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statements contained in this release based on new information, future events, or otherwise, except as required by law.

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Analyst and Investor Day February 28, 2018



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By their nature, forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties because they relate to events, competitive dynamics, and healthcare, regulatory and scientific developments and depend on the economic circumstances that may or may not occur in the future or may occur on longer or shorter timelines than anticipated. Although we believe that we have a reasonable basis for each forward-looking statement contained in this presentation, we caution you that forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and that our actual results of operations, financial condition and liquidity, and the development of the industry in which we operate may differ materially from the forward-looking statements contained in this presentation as a result of, among other factors, the factors referenced in the "Risk Factors" section of our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and our quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the subsequent quarters (collectively, our "SEC Filings"). In addition, even if our results of operations, financial condition and liquidity, and the development of the industry in which we operate are consistent with the forward-looking statements contained in this presentation, they may not be predictive of results or developments in future periods. Any forward-looking statements that we make in this presentation speak only as of the date of such statement, and we undertake no obligation to update such statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this presentation, except as required by law.

You should read carefully the factors described in the "Risk Factors" sections of our SEC Filings to better understand the risks and uncertainties inherent in our business.



Roger B. Cohen

Professor of Medicine University of Pennsylvania Associate Director Clinical Research Abramson Cancer Center Chief Clinical Research Officer Abramson Cancer Center Co-Director, Head and Neck Cancer Research Center



Therapy for Advanced Lung Cancer





Immune Checkpoints

Immune checkpoints are normal 'brakes' on the activity of the immune system; checkpoint proteins turn off activated T cells when they are no longer needed

Immune checkpoints have been 'hijacked' by the cancer to evade the immune system

Checkpoint Inhibitors remove the checkpoint and "take the brakes off the immune system"

Now the immune system can 'see' the tumor and kill it



1st Line NSCLC Treatment Landscape

Incurable NSCLC (adenocarcinoma) without activating EGFR, ALK, etc. mutations:

- If PD-L1 is ≥ 50%, consider Keytruda as monotherapy
- If PD-L1 <50%, consider Keytruda in combination with chemotherapy
- Platinum doublet chemotherapy

Incurable NSCLC (squamous cell):

- If PD-L1 is ≥ 50%, consider Keytruda as monotherapy
- If PD-L1 <50%, platinum doublet chemotherapy

Soon, many patients will get a checkpoint inhibitor in the first line of therapy



2nd Line NSCLC Treatment Landscape

- <u>Adenocarcinoma:</u> chemotherapy (taxanes) or checkpoint inhibitor if not given previously
- <u>Squamous Cell:</u> chemotherapy (taxanes) or checkpoint inhibitor (Keytruda, Opdivo, Tecentriq) if not given previously

What if the patient already received a checkpoint inhibitor and wants more immunotherapy?

- They will need a 'rescue' strategy: a checkpoint inhibitor "plus *something* to make the checkpoint inhibitor work or work again"
- Something =
 - Radiation ("RadVax")
 - Addition of a 2nd immune modulating drug: IDO inhibitor, IFNγ, or antibodies against CTLA-4, OX40, B7H3, CSFR1, LAG-3, TIGIT, TIM -3, etc.
 - A vaccine (ex: HS-110) that induces CD8+ T cells to infiltrate the tumors



The Big Challenge:

Most patients with NSCLC don't respond to checkpoint inhibition





Even the "ideal" pts (PD-L1 ≥ 50%) don't all respond to checkpoint inhibitors

Reck M et al. N Engl J Med 2016;375:1823-1833





Considerable Unmet Need in All Lines of Therapy

- In the PDL-1 intermediate (1-50%) patients the response rate is lower: ~20-25%
- In the PDL-1 negative (<1%) patients the response rates are < 10%
- And patients who do respond are not cured
 - They eventually get worse and die from NSCLC
- Reasons for failure of checkpoint inhibition likely include:
 - There are no T-cells in the tumor (the tumors are 'cold')
 - There are other white blood cells in the tumors that block the T-cells from doing their job
 - The cancer is using checkpoints other than PD-1/PD-L1
 - · The cancer substitutes new checkpoints when we block PD-1/ PD-L1
 - · Unknown mechanisms of immune evasion



Immunotherapy Combinations

- Improving response rates and response duration will require IO combinations
- Existing combinations, such as Opdivo-Yervoy are significantly more toxic than Opdivo monotherapy
- Immune-related toxicities include pneumonitis, colitis, rashes, hepatitis, nephritis, encephalitis and others
- Additive immune therapies that don't add significant toxicity are needed



Larkin et al, N Engl J Med 2015; 373:23-34 the cure is with in ABRAMSON CANCER CENTER



Combining Therapeutic Vaccines with Checkpoint Inhibitors

What might a therapeutic vaccine like HS-110 do? Generate CD8+ cells (TILs) that penetrate tumors and make them "hot"



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Biopsies from the DURGA Trial: TIL Infiltration Associated with Clinical Response

	Patient 1: Partial Response at Week 18	Patient 2: Partial Response at Week 9	Patient 3: Partial Response at Week 18
Baseline			
			Low CD8+ TIL (≤10%)
Week 10			
	High CD8+ TIL (>10%)	High CD8+ TIL (>10%)*	High CD8+ TIL (>10%)

Previous lung cancer vaccines were not designed to elicit a robust CD8+ T-cell response



Introducing gp96- The Immune System's "Swiss Army Knife"*



A Natural "Molecular Warning System"

- •Gp96 "chaperones" newly-created proteins to the cell membrane where they are released and embedded
- •Gp96 + its ferried protein are naturally released only via necrosis
 - Exposure of gp96 outside the cell activates an immune response to the antigen it is carrying
 - Enables MHC I antigen cross-presentation specifically to CD8+ T-cells
 - Activates a cytotoxic T-cell response to the cargo antigen
- •Gp96 among the most powerful immune adjuvants
- •Gp96 is the only adjuvant that generates exclusively CD8+ ("killer") T-cells

*Schild, H. & Rammensee, H. Gp-96 – The Immune System's Swiss Army Knife. Nature Immunology 2, 100-101 (2000)

🞇 Penn Medicine

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Heat's gp96 ImPACT Therapy





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ImPACT Mechanism of Action Jeff Hutchins PhD Chief Scientific Officer February 28, 2018





ImPACT/ComPACT Manufacturing

Cell-Based, Multi-Antigen T Cell Activation



autologous therapies

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ImPACT: Immune Pan-antigen Cytotoxic Therapy



Cluster of five 0.1 mL intradermal injections



Activated cells EXPRESS chaperoned antigens



Chaperoned antigens activate dendritic cells, which then ACTIVATE & PROLIFERATE CD8+ T-cells

De

ic Cell

Dendritic Cell



CD8+ T-cells locate and **ELIMINATE** cancer cells

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Successful Immuno-oncology: A 3 Legged Stool





ImPact Generates an Adaptive Immune Response



Clinical Proof of Mechanism in NCSLC

Histopathological evidence that HS-110 is turning COLD tumors HOT



Week 10

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ImPACT + Opdivo Combination Therapy

The potential to improve clinical responses and survival, without additional toxicity



Pre-clinical Data of T-cell Expansion

✓ Strong support for our clinical approaches



CD8+ T-cell Expansion

- Higher T-cell responses observed in mice treated with *ImPACT* alone
- ImPACT boosted CD8+ T-cells to even higher levels when combined with co-stimulator agonist antibodies: OX40, TNFRSF25, PD-1
- Findings suggest synergies when combining *ImPACT* with Pelican's TNFRSF25 antibody

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Source: Fromm et al. Society for Immunotherapy of Cancer Annual Meeting, 2016

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DURGA Interim Data Review George Peoples MD FACS Chief Medical Officer *February 28, 2018*



HS-110-102 DURGA Trial

A Phase 1b/2 Study of Viagenpumatucel-L (HS-110) in Combination with Multiple Treatment Regimens in Patients with Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (The "DURGA" Trial)

Objective	Evaluate objective response rate of HS-110 with a PD-1 checkpoint inhibitor (nivolumab)			
Design	 Single arm multicenter trial of up to 120 patients Cohort analysis based on histology, prior checkpoint inhibitor therapy, TIL levels and PD-L1 expression 			
Endpoints	 Objective Response Rate (RECIST 1.1) Duration of Response Progression-free Survival 	Overall SurvivalImmune ResponseSafety & Tolerability		
Population	Previously treated, advanced NSCLC Current Analysis: • Adenocarcinoma • Checkpoint inhibitor naïve New Populations for enrollment: • Squamous cell carcinoma • Checkpoint inhibitor relapsed			

DURGA Schema



Pre-Specified Patient Populations Analyzed





ImPACT (HS-110) Safety Profile to Date

~1,000 Doses - No Serious Adverse Reactions

Favorable Safety Profile To Date

- Almost 1,000 doses administered to ~100 patients
- Only one patient ended treatment due to a non-serious adverse reaction*
- No systemic use of steroids required to treat reactions
- No serious adverse reactions beyond those seen with SOC
- · No additive toxicities with SOC



*Represents the only patient of ~100 patients dosed who discontinued treatment for a vaccine-related adverse event

Primary Efficacy Analysis

Population	Objective Response Rate (RECIST 1.1)	Disease Control Rate (RECIST 1.1)
ITT (n=35)	17%	40%
PP (n=26)	23%	50%

ORR: Objective Response Rate is defined as the % of patients who have reached Partial Response (PR) per RECIST 1.1 which requires a 30% reduction in the sum of the longest diameters of all target lesions from baseline.

DCR: Disease Control Rate is defined as the % of patients who have reached Partial Response (PR) or Stable Disease (SD) per RECIST 1.1 which requires that the sum of the longest diameters of all target lesions does not increase more than 20% from baseline.



✓ All evaluable ITT patients with a baseline and 90on-treatment scan (n=27) 75 ✓ ORR (26%) and disease control (67%) 60 Change from Baseline (%) 45-30-15-0 -15--30 -45 -60--75-

Best Target Lesion Response



All enrolled patients (ITT) with a baseline and on-treatment scan



ITT Overall Survival: Encouraging and Still Maturing

*N Engl J Med 2015; 373: 1627-1639



PP Overall Survival: Encouraging and Still Maturing



Target Lesion Response Based on Initial TIL Status

Evaluable ITT Population



Durable Target Lesion Responses Based on Initial TIL Status



Target Lesion Response Based on Initial PD-L1 Status

Evaluable ITT Population



Durable Target Lesion Responses Based on Initial PD-L1 Status

Evaluable ITT Population

A trend of survival benefit is observed higher 203 337 ELISPOT activity of immune response HS-110 Generated ELISPOTs High-Low High = ELISPOT activity above the median of patients tested 0 200 400 600 800 Low = ELISPOT activity below the median of patients tested Survival Days

ELISPOT Activity and Survival

Summary of Interim Data

- Tumor shrinkage and disease control demonstrated in a majority of evaluable patients
 - ✓ Overall responses are durable and long lasting
 - ✓ While survival data is still maturing, the median overall survival has not yet been reached
- ✓HS-110 shows durable responses in difficult-to-treat low TIL "cold tumor" patients
- ✓HS110 shows durable responses in low PD-L1 patients, who typically do not respond to checkpoint inhibitors
- ✓A trend of survival benefit is observed with higher ELISPOT activity reflective of tumor antigen-specific immune response

This data is consistent with HS-110 mechanism of action as well as data previously reported in our phase 1 trial