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

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of January 2018

Commission File Number: **001-32001**

Aptose Biosciences Inc.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

5955 Airport Road, Suite 228

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(Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F Form 40-F

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is submitting the Form 6-K in paper as permitted by Regulation S-T Rule 101(b)(1):

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On January 2, 2018, the Registrant issued a press release, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

(c) [Exhibit 99.1](#). Press release dated January 2, 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, thereunto duly authorized.

Aptose Biosciences Inc.
(Registrant)

Date: January 2, 2018

/s/ Gregory K. Chow
Gregory K. Chow
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Aptose Biosciences to Present at Biotech Showcase™ 2018 Conference

SAN DIEGO and TORONTO, Jan. 02, 2018 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Aptose Biosciences Inc. (Nasdaq:APTO) (TSX:APS), a clinical-stage company developing highly differentiated therapeutics that target the underlying mechanisms of cancer, today announced that William G. Rice, Ph.D., Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Gregory K. Chow, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, will participate at the upcoming Biotech Showcase™ 2018 Conference on Monday, January 8th, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. PST in San Francisco, CA.

Conference Presentation Details:

Date: Monday, January 8, 2018
Time: 11:00 a.m. PST
Location: Track Yosemite - C (Ballroom Level)
Hilton San Francisco Union Square, 333 O'Farrell Street, San Francisco, CA 94102
Webcast: https://event.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1176654&tp_key=e58ab4bdea

The audio webcast will be archived shortly after the live event and will be available through the Aptose website at www.aptose.com.

The Company will also be hosting institutional investor and partnering meetings at the LifeSci Advisors Corporate Access Event taking place in San Francisco, January 8-10, 2018.

To schedule a meeting with Aptose, investors can register on the online system managed by the Company's US investor relations firm, LifeSci Advisors, LLC, or make a request via e-mail at Access@LifeSciAdvisors.com.

About Aptose Biosciences

Aptose Biosciences is a clinical-stage biotechnology company committed to developing personalized therapies addressing unmet medical needs in oncology. Aptose is advancing new therapeutics focused on novel cellular targets on the leading edge of cancer. The company's small molecule cancer therapeutics pipeline includes products designed to provide single agent efficacy and to enhance the efficacy of other anti-cancer therapies and regimens without overlapping toxicities. For further information, please visit www.aptose.com.

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