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): November 6, 2017

Supernus Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation)

001-35518

(Commission File Number)

1550 East Gude Drive, Rockville MD (Address of principal executive offices)

20-2590184 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

> **20850** (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (301) 838-2500

Not Applicable

(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 obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

o 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 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). o

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. o

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On November 6, 2017, Supernus Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("Supernus" or the "Company") issued a press release regarding its financial results for the third quarter ended September 30, 2017. A copy of this press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

As previously announced, Supernus will host a conference call at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Time (6:00 a.m. Pacific Time) on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, to present the financial results. A live webcast will be available at www.supernus.com. The webcast will be archived on the Company's website for 60 days following the live call. Callers should dial in approximately 10 minutes prior to the start of the call. The phone number to join the conference call is +1 (877) 288-1043 (U.S. and Canada) or +1 (970) 315-0267 (international). The access code for the live call is 2899017.

The information in this Item 2.02 (including Exhibit 99.1) is being "furnished" and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, whether made before or after the date of this report, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

This Current Report on Form 8-K contains "forward-looking statements" that do not convey historical information, but relate to predicted or potential future events, such as statements of our plans, strategies and intentions. These statements can often be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "believe," "expect," "intend," "may," "will," "should," or "anticipate" or similar terminology. All statements other than statements of historical facts included in this Current Report on Form 8-K are forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this Current Report on Form 8-K. Except for Supernus' ongoing obligations to disclose material information under the federal securities laws, Supernus

undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. In addition to the risks and uncertainties of ordinary business operations and conditions in the general economy and the markets in which Supernus competes, the forward-looking statements of Supernus contained in this Current Report on Form 8-K are also subject various risks and uncertainties, including those set forth in Item 1A, "Risk Factors," in Supernus' Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 (as filed on March 16, 2017) and in Part II, Item 1A, "Risk Factors," in Supernus' Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2017 (as filed on August 3, 2017).

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibit

The following document is furnished as an Exhibit pursuant to Item 2.02 hereof:

Exhibit 99.1 — Press Release Dated November 6, 2017.

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Number		Description	
99.1	Press Release Dated November 6, 2017.		Attached
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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.

SUPERNUS PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

DATED: November 6, 2017

By: /s/ Gregory S. Patrick Gregory S. Patrick Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer

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Supernus Announces Third Quarter 2017 Financial Results

- Third quarter net product sales were \$78.1 million, a 40% increase over 2016.
- Third quarter operating income was \$22.3 million, a 13% increase over 2016.
- · Initiated Phase III clinical trials for SPN-812.
- · Initiated Oxtellar XR investigator-sponsored trial in bipolar disorder.
- Increased full year 2017 net product sales guidance range to \$290 million to \$295 million, from \$280 million to \$290 million, and operating income guidance range to \$85 million to \$90 million, from \$82 million.

ROCKVILLE, Md., Nov. 06, 2017 - Supernus Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (NASDAQ: SUPN), a specialty pharmaceutical company focused on developing and commercializing products for the treatment of central nervous system (CNS) diseases, today reported financial results for third quarter 2017 and associated company developments.

Commercial Update

Third quarter 2017 product prescriptions for Trokendi XR[®] and Oxtellar XR[®], as reported by IMS, totaled 180,853, a 39.0% increase over the third quarter of 2016.

	Prescriptio	ons	
	Q3 2017	Q3 2016	Change %
Trokendi XR	145,738	98,215	48.4%
Oxtellar XR	35,115	31,897	10.1%
Total	180,853	130,112	39.0%

Source: IMS

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Net product sales for the third quarter of 2017 were \$78.1 million, a 40.5% increase over \$55.6 million in the same period the prior year.

		Net Product		
	Q	8 2017	Q3 2016	Change %
Trokendi XR	\$	59.4	\$ 41.7	42.4%
Oxtellar XR	\$	18.7	\$ 13.9	34.5%
Total	\$	78.1	\$ 55.6	40.5%

In the third quarter of 2017, the Company completed its salesforce expansion with the addition of approximately 40 sales representatives to provide additional support for both Trokendi XR and Oxtellar XR.

"We are pleased with the continued strong product sales momentum in the third quarter and the successful expansion of our field sales team," said Jack Khattar, President and CEO of Supernus Pharmaceuticals. "Trokendi XR continues to gain physician acceptance for the prophylaxis of migraine headache in adults and adolescents, reflecting the unique benefits that Trokendi XR brings to patients."

Progress of Product Pipeline

The Company initiated SPN-812 Phase III clinical testing in pediatric and adolescent patients with ADHD. The Phase III program consists of four three-arm, placebo-controlled trials: two pediatric trials, with doses ranging from 100 mg to 400 mg, and two adolescent trials, with doses ranging from 200 mg to 600 mg.

Enrollment continues in both Phase III trials for SPN-810, currently in development for Impulsive Aggression in pediatric patients who have ADHD. Since the September 2017 interim analysis, patient randomization has been to either the 36 mg dose or placebo. Enrollment is expected to continue through mid-2018.

The Oxtellar XR investigator-sponsored trial in bipolar disorder is underway. The Company expects that approximately 90 patients will be enrolled among three study sites. This randomized, open label trial will treat bipolar disorder patients with either Oxtellar XR or oxcarbazepine-IR added to existing therapy.

"The start of our Phase III program for SPN-812 is an important milestone as it represents the advancement of a second late-stage program for Supernus addressing another billion-dollar market opportunity," said Jack Khattar. "In addition, we are focused on advancing SPN-810 through Phase III clinical development and progressing Oxtellar XR as a potential therapy for bipolar disorder."

Operating Expenses

Research and development expenses in the third quarter of 2017 were \$13.0 million, as compared to \$7.9 million in the same quarter last year. This increase is primarily due to expenses incurred in conjunction with the Phase III clinical trials for SPN-812 and increased expenses associated with ongoing patient

recruitment for the Phase III trials for SPN-810.

Selling, general and administrative expenses in the third quarter of 2017 were \$40.8 million, as compared to \$25.7 million in the same quarter last year. The increase of approximately \$15.2 million is primarily due to the expansion of the salesforce announced in August 2017, the development and production of promotional materials and marketing programs associated with

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the launch of the migraine indication for Trokendi XR, and an increase in share-based compensation expense.

Operating Income and Earnings Per Share

Operating income in the third quarter of 2017 was \$22.3 million, a 12.6% increase over \$19.8 million in the same period the prior year. This improvement in operating income is primarily due to increased net product sales, partially offset by an increase in research and development expenses of \$5.1 million and increased selling, general and administrative expenses of \$15.2 million.

Net income in the third quarter of 2017 was \$16.0 million compared to \$61.8 million in the same period last year. This year over year decrease is primarily due to the release of the valuation allowance against deferred tax assets in 2016, which resulted in an income tax benefit of \$42.7 million in the third quarter of 2016.

Diluted earnings per share for the third quarter of 2017 were \$0.29 compared to \$1.18 in the same period last year. Diluted earnings per share in the third quarter of 2016 were favorably impacted by the aforementioned release of the valuation allowance in 2016.

Weighted-average diluted common shares outstanding were approximately 53.6 million in the third quarter of 2017, as compared to approximately 52.0 million in the same period the prior year.

As of September 30, 2017, the Company had \$237.7 million in cash, cash equivalents, marketable securities, and long term marketable securities, as compared to \$165.5 million at December 31, 2016.

Financial Guidance

For full year 2017, the Company is raising its expectations for both net product sales and operating income, and reiterating its expectation for research and development expense as set forth below:

- Net product sales in the range of \$290 million to \$295 million, compared to the previously expected range of \$280 million to \$290 million.
- · Research and development expense of approximately \$55 million.
- · Operating income in the range of \$85 million to \$90 million, compared to the previously expected range of \$82 million to \$87 million.

The Company expects selling, general, and administrative expenditures of approximately \$40 million in the fourth quarter of 2017

The Company expects research and development expenses to exceed \$20 million in the fourth quarter of 2017. Looking forward to 2018, the Company expects research and development spending to remain at or near this quarterly spend rate, as patient recruitment in the two Phase III trials for SPN-810, the four Phase III trials for SPN-812, the open-label extension trials for both SPN-810 and SPN-812, and the investigator initiated trial for Oxtellar XR moves forward. The Company continues to expect quarter to quarter variability in spending, reflecting the uncertainty regarding the rate of patient recruitment.

Conference Call Details

The Company will hold a conference call hosted by Jack Khattar, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Greg Patrick, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, to discuss these results at 9:00 AM. ET, on Tuesday, November 7, 2017. An accompanying webcast also will be provided.

Please refer to the information below for conference call dial-in information and webcast registration. Callers should dial in approximately 10 minutes prior to the start of the call.

Conference dial-in:	(877) 288-1043
International dial-in:	(970) 315-0267
Conference ID:	2899017
Conference Call Name:	Supernus Pharmaceuticals Third Quarter 2017 Earnings Conference Call

Following the live call, a replay will be available on the Company's website, www.supernus.com, under 'Investors'.

About Supernus Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Supernus Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is a specialty pharmaceutical company focused on developing and commercializing products for the treatment of central nervous system diseases. The Company currently markets Trokendi XR® (extended-release topiramate) for the prophylaxis of migraine and the treatment of epilepsy, and Oxtellar XR® (extended-release oxcarbazepine) for the treatment of epilepsy. The Company is also developing several product candidates to address large market opportunities in psychiatry, including SPN-810 for the treatment of Impulsive Aggression in ADHD patients and SPN-812 for the treatment of ADHD.

Forward-Looking Statements:

This press release includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements do not convey historical information, but relate to predicted or potential future events that are based upon management's current expectations. These statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such statements. In addition to the factors mentioned in this press release, such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the Company's ability to sustain and increase its profitability; the Company's ability to raise sufficient capital to fully implement its corporate strategy; the implementation of the Company's corporate strategy; the Company's ability to increase the number of prescriptions written for each of its products; the Company's ability to increase its net revenue; the Company's ability to enter into future collaborations with pharmaceutical companies and academic institutions or to obtain funding from government agencies; the Company's product research and development activities, including the timing and progress of the Company's clinical trials, and projected expenditures; the Company's ability to receive, and the timing of any receipt of, regulatory approvals to develop and commercialize the Company's product candidates; the Company's ability to protect its intellectual property and operate its business without infringing upon the intellectual property rights of others; the Company's expectations regarding federal, state and foreign regulatory requirements; the therapeutic benefits, effectiveness and safety of the Company's product candidates; the accuracy of the Company's estimates of the size and characteristics of the markets that may be addressed by its product candidates; the Company's ability to increase its manufacturing capabilities for its products and product candidates; the Company's projected markets and growth in markets; the Company's product formulations and patient needs and potential funding sources; the Company's staffing needs; and other risk factors set forth from time to time in the Company's SEC filings made pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The Company undertakes no obligation to update the information in this press release to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of anticipated or unanticipated events.

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Supernus Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Consolidated Balance Sheets (in thousands, except share amounts)

		<u>September 30,</u> 2017		December 31, 2016	
	(1	inaudited)			
Assets					
Current assets:	<i>.</i>	04.004	<i>•</i>	66.004	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	81,924	\$	66,398	
Marketable securities		32,626		23,723	
Accounts receivable, net		56,166		41,527	
Inventories, net		14,947		16,801	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		5,667		2,955	
Total current assets		191,330		151,404	
Long term marketable securities		123,123		75,410	
Property and equipment, net		4,688		4,344	
Intangible assets, net		37,162		36,350	
Other non-current assets		368		331	
Deferred income taxes		28,807		41,729	
Total assets	\$	385,478	\$	309,568	
Liabilities and stockholders' equity					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$	6,262	\$	8,055	
Accrued sales deductions		59,772		41,943	
Accrued expenses		26,892		27,427	
Income taxes payable		6,489			
Non-recourse liability related to sale of future royalties, current portion		5,254		3,101	
Deferred licensing revenue		287		209	
Total current liabilities		104,956		80,742	
Deferred licensing revenue, net of current portion		1,221		1,501	
Convertible notes, net		±,=21		4,165	
Non-recourse liability related to sale of future royalties, long term		22,702		27,289	
Other non-current liabilities		4,936		4,002	
Derivative liabilities				-,002	
Total liabilities		133,815		117,813	
Stockholders' equity:					

Stockholders' equity:

Common stock, \$0.001 par value, 130,000,000 shares authorized at September 30, 2017 and December 31,

2016; 51,262,007 and 49,971,267 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2017 and December 31,

2016, respectively	51	50
Additional paid-in capital	291,841	276,127
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	252	(134)
Accumulated deficit	 (40,481)	 (84,288)
Total stockholders' equity	251,663	191,755
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 385,478	\$ 309,568

Supernus Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Consolidated Statements of Operations (in thousands, except share and per share data)

	Three Months ended September 30,			Nine Months ended September 30,				
		2017		2016		2017		2016
Revenue		(unau	dited)			(unau	dited)	
Net product sales	\$	78.066	\$	55,618	\$	207,763	\$	148,978
Royalty revenue	φ	2,010	Ф	1,140	Ф	4,338	Ф	3,464
Licensing revenue		322		1,140 52		1,702		187
	. <u> </u>	522				1,702		107
Total revenue		80,398		56,810		213,803		152,629
Costs and expenses								
Cost of product sales		4,251		3,428		11,060		8,214
Research and development		12,980		7,868		33,405		29,539
Selling, general and administrative		40,825		25,675		104,141		76,956
Total costs and expenses		58,056		36,971		148,606		114,709
Operating income		22,342		19,839		65,197		37,920
Other income (expense)		<u> </u>		<u> </u>		<u> </u>		
Interest income		814		378		2,002		1,071
Interest expense				(202)		(148)		(577
Interest expense-nonrecourse liability related to sale of								
future royalties		(155)		(1,004)		(1,274)		(3,564
Changes in fair value of derivative liabilities		_		125		76		349
Loss on extinguishment of debt		(91)				(295)		(382
Total other income (expense)		568		(703)		361		(3,103)
Earnings before income taxes		22,910		19,136		65,558		34,817
Income tax expense (benefit)		6,949		(42,690)		21,932		(42,085)
Net income	\$	15,961	\$	61,826	\$	43,626	\$	76,902
Earnings per share:								
Basic	\$	0.31	\$	1.25	\$	0.86	\$	1.56
Diluted	\$	0.29	\$	1.18	\$	0.82	\$	1.48
Weighted-average number of common shares outstanding:								
Basic		51,046,375		49,516,595		50,583,726		49,395,284
Diluted		53,628,389		51,974,435		53,227,433		51,615,334
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