CORNERSTONE THERAPEUTICS INC Form 8-K December 16, 2008 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): December 10, 2008 Cornerstone Therapeutics Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

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000-50767 (Commission File Number)

04-3523569

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1255 Crescent Green Drive, Suite 250, Cary, NC

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

27518 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (919) 678-6611

Not applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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

On December 10, 2008, George Esgro resigned from his position as Vice President, Sales of Cornerstone Therapeutics Inc. (the Company), effective immediately. On December 11, 2008, the Company issued a press release relating to, among other things, Mr. Esgro s resignation and the contemporaneous assumption by Joshua Franklin, the Company s Vice President, Marketing, of additional responsibilities for sales. Mr. Franklin s title was changed to Vice President, Sales and Marketing in connection with his assignment to lead the Company s sales function. A copy of the Company s press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

Item 8.01 Other Events

On December 11, 2008, the Company issued a press release to, among other things, provide an update on the status of its integration activities following the closing of the business combination of Critical Therapeutics, Inc. and Cornerstone BioPharma Holdings, Inc. on October 31, 2008, and the renaming of the combined company as Cornerstone Therapeutics Inc. A copy of the Company s press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

See the Exhibit Index attached hereto.

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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.

CORNERSTONE THERAPEUTICS INC.

Date: December 16, 2008

By: /s/ Craig A. Collard Craig A. Collard President and Chief Executive Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description of Document

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release of Cornerstone Therapeutics Inc. dated December 11, 2008.