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)

May 14, 2018

BioXcel Therapeutics, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

001-38410

(Commission File Number)

82-1386754 (I. R. S. Employer Identification No.)

780 East Main Street Branford, CT 06405

(Address of principal executive offices, including ZIP code)

(203) 643-8060

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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:

- 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).

Emerging growth company x

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. x

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On May 14, 2018, BioXcel Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing financial results for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and other matters described in the press release. A copy of the Company's press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

The information disclosed under this Item 2.02, including Exhibit 99.1 hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall it be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as expressly set forth in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description | |
|-------------|------------------------------------|--|
| 99.1 | Press release, dated May 14, 2018. | |
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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.

Date: May 14, 2018 BIOXCEL THERAPEUTICS, INC.

/s/ Richard Steinhart Richard Steinhart Chief Financial Officer

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BioXcel Therapeutics Reports First Quarter 2018 Financial Results and Provides Business Update

BRANFORD, Conn., May 14, 2018 — BioXcel Therapeutics, Inc. ("BTI") (Nasdaq: BTAI), a clinical stage biopharmaceutical development company utilizing novel artificial intelligence to identify the next wave of medicines across neuroscience and immuno-oncology, today announced financial results for the first quarter ended March 31, 2018, and provided an update on key strategic and operational initiatives.

"The first quarter of 2018 was a transformational period for our company. We successfully completed our initial public offering (IPO), strengthening our balance sheet and providing capital to advance our drug candidates through clinical trials. We are grateful for the support of our investors as we advance our lead programs, BXCL501 in neuroscience and BXCL701 in immuno-oncology," commented Vimal Mehta, President and Chief Executive Officer of BTI.

"Building on this momentum, we are continuing to advance our BXCL501 program through the ongoing trial of the IV formulation of dexmedetomidine ("Dex") and plan to initiate a second IV Dex study for the acute treatment of agitation in schizophrenic patients. We expect to report data from both Phase 1b studies in the second half of 2018. Following data, we intend to commence Phase 2 Proof-of-Concept open label clinical trials using the IV formulation of Dex for both programs before year-end, and a bridging bioavailability / bioequivalence study using our sublingual thin film formulation of Dex, BXCL501, which we expect will support initiation of a registration trial anticipated in 2019.

Dr. Mehta added, "We are also making significant progress in the development of BXCL701, our oral small molecule immunomodulator. We are planning to initiate Phase 2 proof of concept studies in pancreatic cancer and treatment-emergent neuroendocrine prostate cancer (tNEPC) later this year. We are also evaluating BXCL701's potential in additional indications, both as a monotherapy and in combination with other immuno-oncology agents. We believe that its novel mechanism of action, DPP 8/9 and FAP inhibition, makes it a promising therapy in the treatment of a variety of tumor types. "

Dr. Mehta concluded, "We have an exciting opportunity ahead of us through our relationship with BioXcel Corporation. Its artificial intelligence-based discovery platform is expected to be an invaluable tool as we advance our clinical programs and identify emerging pipeline candidates. Through this relationship, we expect to have the ability to leverage thousands of compounds and disease targets to expand our pipeline with the addition of innovative treatment regimens that we can develop quickly, at a lower cost, and with a high probability of success. Since completion of our IPO, we have been building our corporate operations team and expanding

scientific, clinical, manufacturing, quality, regulatory and R&D staff to support our future growth and the advancement of both our clinical and pipeline programs."

First Quarter 2018 Highlights

- · Completed IPO and began trading on Nasdaq Capital Market, raising gross proceeds of \$60.0 million;
- · Announced acceptance of poster presentation on preclinical data for combination of BXCL701 and Nektar Therapeutics' NKTR-214 in pancreatic cancer at the 2018 ASCO Annual Meeting.

First Quarter 2018 Financial Results

BTI reported a net loss of \$4.3 million for the first quarter of 2018, compared to a net loss of \$0.5 million for the same period in 2017.

Research and development expenses were \$2.9 million for the first quarter of 2018, as compared to \$0.3 million for the same period in 2017. The increase was primarily due to a ramp-up of research and development costs including a one-time previously agreed \$1.0 million payment to BioXcel Corporation in connection with BTI's IPO, along with increased personnel expenses associated with BTI's two main drug candidates.

General and administrative expenses were \$1.3 million for the first quarter of 2018, as compared to \$0.2 million for the same period in 2017. The increase was primarily due to additional payroll and payroll-related expenses and costs associated with operating as a public company.

As of March 31, 2018, cash and cash equivalents totaled \$55.5 million.

About BioXcel Therapeutics, Inc.:

BioXcel Therapeutics, Inc. is a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company focused on drug development that utilizes novel artificial intelligence to identify the next wave of medicines across neuroscience and immuno-oncology. The Company's drug re-innovation approach leverages existing approved drugs and/or clinically validated product candidates together with big data and proprietary machine learning algorithms to identify new therapeutic indices. The Company's two most advanced clinical development programs are BXCL501, a sublingual thin film formulation designed for acute treatment of agitation resulting from neurological and psychiatric disorders, and BXCL701, an immuno-oncology agent designed for treatment of a rare form of prostate cancer and for treatment of pancreatic cancer.

Forward-Looking Statements:

This press release includes "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements in this press release include, but are not limited to, statements that relate to the advancement and development of BXCL501 and BXCL701, the commencement of clinical trials, the availability of data from clinical trials and other information that is not historical information. When used herein, words such as "anticipate", "being", "will", "plan", "may", "continue", and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. In addition, any statements or information that refer to expectations, beliefs, plans, projections, objectives, performance or other characterizations of future events or circumstances, including any underlying assumptions, are forward-looking. All forward-looking statements are based upon BioXcel's current expectations and various assumptions. BioXcel believes there is a reasonable basis for its expectations and beliefs, but they are inherently uncertain. BioXcel may not realize its expectations, and its beliefs may not prove correct. Actual results could differ materially from those described or implied by such forward-looking

statements as a result of various important factors, including, without limitation, market conditions and the factors described under the caption "Risk Factors" in BioXcel's prospectus dated March 7, 2018, and BioXcel's other filings made with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Consequently, forward-looking statements should be regarded solely as BioXcel's current plans, estimates and beliefs. Investors should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. BioXcel cannot guarantee future results, events, levels of activity, performance or achievements. BioXcel does not undertake and specifically declines any obligation to update, republish, or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect new information, future events or circumstances or to reflect the occurrences of unanticipated events, except as may be required by law.

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BIOXCEL THERAPEUTICS, INC. BALANCE SHEETS

(amounts in thousands, except shares and per share data)

| | March 31, 2018 | | D | December 31, 2017 | |
|---|-------------------|---------------|----|----------------------|--|
| A CODITIO | | (unaudited) | | | |
| ASSETS | | | | | |
| Current assets | d. | FF 46F | ф | 007 | |
| Cash | \$ | 55,465 808 | \$ | 887 | |
| Prepaid expenses and current other assets Due from Parent | | | | 3 | |
| | | 44 | | | |
| Total current assets | | 56,317 | | 890 | |
| Deferred offering expenses | | _ | | 461 | |
| Equipment, net | | 4 | | 4 | |
| Total assets | \$ | 56,321 | \$ | 1,355 | |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT) | | | | | |
| Current liabilities | | | | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ | 3,935 | \$ | 444 | |
| Accrued expenses | | 267 | | 1,015 | |
| Due to related party | | 13 | | _ | |
| Payable to Parent for services | | _ | | 67 | |
| Notes payable to Parent | | _ | | 371 | |
| Due to Parent | | <u> </u> | | 440 | |
| Total current liabilities | | 4,215 | | 2,337 | |
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| Commitments and contingencies | | | | _ | |
| Stockholders' equity (deficit) | | | | | |
| Preferred stock, \$0.001 par value, 10,000,000 shares authorized; no shares issued or outstanding | | _ | | _ | |
| Common stock, \$0.001 par value, 50,000,000 shares authorized; 15,645,545 and 9,907,548 shares issued and | | | | | |
| outstanding as of March 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 respectively | | 16 | | 10 | |
| Additional paid-in-capital | | 60,822 | | 3,458 | |
| Accumulated deficit | | (8,732) | | (4,450) | |
| Total stockholders' equity (deficit) | | 52,106 | | (982) | |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity (deficit) | \$ | 56,321 | \$ | 1,355 | |

BIOXCEL THERAPEUTICS, INC. STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (amounts in thousands, except shares and per share data) (unaudited)

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | | | |
|---|------------------------------|------------|----|-----------|
| | | 2018 | | 2017 |
| Net sales | \$ | _ | \$ | _ |
| Operating costs and expenses | | | | |
| Research and development | | 2,938 | | 321 |
| General and administrative | | 1,348 | | 208 |
| Total operating expenses | | 4,286 | | 529 |
| Loss from operations | | (4,286) | | (529) |
| Interest income, net | | 4 | | _ |
| Net loss | \$ | (4,282) | \$ | (529) |
| Net loss per share attributable to common stockholders/Parent basic and diluted | \$ | (0.37) | \$ | (0.06) |
| Weighted average shares outstanding - basic and diluted | | 11,456,325 | | 9,480,000 |

BIOXCEL THERAPEUTICS, INC. STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (amounts in thousands) (unaudited)

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | | | larch 31, |
|---|------------------------------|---------|------|-----------|
| | 2018 | | 2017 | |
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: | | | | |
| Net loss | \$ | (4,282) | \$ | (529) |
| Reconciliation of net loss to net cash used in operating activities: | | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | | | | 1 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | | 1,319 | | 107 |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | | | |
| Prepaid expenses | | (805) | | 1 |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | | 2,743 | | (11) |
| Due to related party | | 13 | | _ |
| Net cash used in operating activities | <u></u> | (1,012) | | (431) |
| | | | | |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: | | | | |
| Proceeds from issuance of common stock, net | | 56,512 | | _ |
| Net Parent investment | | | | 431 |
| Payable to Parent for services | | (67) | | _ |
| Due to Parent | | (484) | | _ |
| Proceeds from note payable — Parent | | (371) | | _ |
| Net cash provided by financing activities | | 55,590 | | 431 |
| | | | | |
| Net increase in cash | | 54,578 | | _ |
| | | | | |
| Cash, beginning of the period | | 887 | | _ |
| Cash at March 31, 2018 | \$ | 55,465 | \$ | _ |
| | | | _ | |
| Supplemental cash flow information: | | | | |
| Interest paid | \$ | 2 | | _ |
| Supplemental disclosure of non-cash Financing Activity: | • | | | |
| Deferred issuance costs reclassified to additional paid-in-capital upon completion of initial public offering | \$ | 461 | | _ |