UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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): March 1, 2019

THERAVANCE BIOPHARMA, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Cayman Islands (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) **001-36033** (Commission File Number) 98-1226628 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

PO Box 309

Ugland House, South Church Street George Town, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands KY1-1104 (650) 808-6000

(Addresses, including zip code, and telephone numbers, including area code, of principal executive offices)

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).

Emerging growth company 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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(b) In connection with organizational restructuring activities that eliminated the position, the Company has reached a mutual agreement to separate from Dr. Shehnaaz Suliman, Senior Vice President, Corporate Development and Strategy. The Company expects to enter into a separation and release agreement with Dr. Suliman (the "Separation Agreement") in early March 2019 (the "Separation Date"). Under the Separation Agreement, in exchange for a general release of claims, Dr. Suliman will receive continued payment of her base salary for six months following the Separation Date, continuing medical, dental and/or vision coverage under COBRA through no later than September 30, 2019, and any accrued but unpaid benefits or obligations.

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.

THERAVANCE BIOPHARMA, INC.

Date: March 1, 2019

By: /s/ Bradford J. Shafer Bradford J. Shafer Executive Vice President and General Counsel