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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
Washington, DC 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**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 23, 2016**

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**NantKwest, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-37507**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**43-1979754**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**3530 John Hopkins Court**  
**San Diego, California 92121**  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**(858) 633-0300**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not Applicable**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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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 March 23, 2016, the Compensation Committee (the "Committee") of the Board of Directors of NantKwest, Inc. approved base salary increases for Patrick Soon-Shiong, the Company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and Barry Simon, the Company's President and Chief Operating Officer. The Committee approved an increase to Dr. Soon-Shiong's annual base salary for 2016 from \$1 to \$600,000 and an increase in Dr. Simon's annual base salary for 2016 from \$395,000 to \$418,700. The increases are effective retroactively as of January 1, 2016.

**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.

**NANTKWEST, INC.**

Date: March 29, 2016

By: /s/ Richard J. Tajak  
Richard J. Tajak  
Interim Chief Financial Officer