

AVANIR PHARMACEUTICALS  
Form 8-K  
December 21, 2004

---

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 16, 2004

**Avanir Pharmaceuticals**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California

001-15803

33-0314804

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

11388 Sorrento Valley Road, San Diego,  
California

92121

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

858-622-5200

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)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



**Top of the Form**

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On December 16, 2004, AVANIR Pharmaceuticals issued a press release announcing that it had commenced submission on a rolling basis of a new drug application for Neurodex™ for the treatment of pseudobulbar affect. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

---

**Top of the Form**

**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.

Avanir Pharmaceuticals

*December 21, 2004*

*By: Gregory P. Hanson, CMA*

---

*Name: Gregory P. Hanson, CMA*

*Title: VP Finance & CFO*

---

**Top of the Form**

Exhibit Index

<b><u>Exhibit No.</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
99.1	Press Release, dated December 16, 2004