

AVANIR PHARMACEUTICALS
Form 8-K
January 19, 2005

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):

January 18, 2005

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:

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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 8.01. Other Events.

On January 12, 2005, AVANIR Pharmaceuticals issued a press release announcing that it had received a Special Protocol Assessment from the Food & Drug Administration for the initial Phase III clinical trial for Neurodex for the treatment of neuropathic pain. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1

Description: Press Release, dated January 12, 2005

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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.

Avanir Pharmaceuticals

January 18, 2005

By: Gregory P. Hanson, CMA

Name: Gregory P. Hanson, CMA

Title: VP Finance & CFO

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<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99	Press Release, dated January 12, 2005