

BeiGene, Ltd.
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**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 15, 2018

BEIGENE, LTD.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Cayman Islands

(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

001-37686

(Commission File Number)

98-1209416

(I.R.S. Employer Identification
Number)

**c/o Mourant Ozannes Corporate Services (Cayman)
Limited**

**94 Solaris Avenue, Camana Bay
Grand Cayman KY1-1108
Cayman Islands**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

+1 (345) 949 4123

(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:

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2). Emerging growth company []

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. []

Item 1.02. Termination of a Material Definitive Agreement.

On December 17, 2018, BeiGene, Ltd. (the “Company”) and Merck KGaA (“Merck KGaA”) entered into a letter agreement for the Company to buy back the commercialization option it had granted to Merck KGaA under the parties’ License Agreement (the “License Agreement”) dated October 28, 2013, as amended, for the Company’s investigational PARP inhibitor pamiparib (BGB-290) in the People’s Republic of China, for an undisclosed payment by the Company to Merck KGaA. As a result of the letter agreement, as of December 31, 2018, the License Agreement will be terminated and Merck KGaA will be relieved of any future milestone obligations to the Company under the License Agreement.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On December 15, 2018, the Company issued a press release announcing that updated clinical data from an ongoing Phase 1A/1B trial of tislelizumab, an investigational anti-PD-1 antibody, were presented in an oral session and a poster at the European Society for Medical Oncology Immuno-Oncology (ESMO-IO) Congress, held December 13-16 in Geneva, Switzerland. The full text of this press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

On December 17, 2018, the Company issued a press release announcing that the first patients have been enrolled in two global Phase 3 clinical trials of tislelizumab. These trials are evaluating tislelizumab combined with chemotherapy as potential first-line treatments in patients with locally advanced unresectable or metastatic gastric or gastroesophageal junction adenocarcinoma, and in patients with unresectable, locally advanced recurrent or metastatic esophageal squamous cell carcinoma. The full text of this press release is filed as Exhibit 99.2 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

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| 99.1 | <u>Press Release titled “BeiGene Announces Updated Phase 1A/1B Data on Tislelizumab Presented at the European Society for Medical Oncology Immuno-Oncology Congress” issued on December 15, 2018</u> |
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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.

BEIGENE, LTD.

Date: December 20, 2018

By: /s/ Scott A. Samuels
Scott A. Samuels
Senior Vice President, General Counsel