

**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): November 20, 2017

**XBIOTECH INC.**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

**British Columbia, Canada**  
(State of Incorporation)

**001-37347**  
(Commission File Number)

**N/A**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**8201 E Riverside Dr. Bldg 4, Ste 100**  
**Austin, Texas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**78744**  
(Zip Code)

**(512) 386-2900**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(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))

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

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 8.01 Other Events.***Appointment of Chief Scientific Officer*

On November 20, 2017, the Board of Directors of XBiotech Inc. (the “Company”) elected Sushma Shivawsamy, Ph.D. to serve as the Company’s Chief Scientific Officer (CSO).

Dr. Shivaswamy, age 40, has previously served as the Company’s Vice President of Research and Development since January 2015 and has been with the Company since 2009 holding positions of Director of Research & Development (2011-2015) and Senior Scientist (2009-2011). As CSO, Dr. Shivaswamy will have all scientific and technical operations with respect to research and development and GMP production of antibody reporting to her.

*This Form 8-K contains forward-looking statements, including declarations regarding management's beliefs and expectations, that involve substantial risks and uncertainties. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as “may,” “will,” “should,” “would,” “could,” “expects,” “plans,” “contemplate,” “anticipates,” “believes,” “estimates,” “predicts,” “projects,” “intend” or “continue” or the negative of such terms or other comparable terminology, although not all forward-looking statements contain these identifying words. Forward-looking statements are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties in predicting future results and conditions that could cause the actual results to differ materially from those projected in these forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties are subject to the disclosures set forth in "Risk Factors" in our SEC filings.*

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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.

Date: November 22, 2017

XBIOTECH INC.

By: /s/ John Simard  
John Simard  
Chief Executive Officer and President