

SYNERGY PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Form 8-K

December 31, 2012

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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 28, 2012**

Synergy Pharmaceuticals Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization)

001-35268
(Commission
File Number)

33-0505269
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 1609

New York, NY 10170

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(212) 297-0020**

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(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 December 28, 2012, Dr. Gary Jacob, Chief Executive Officer and President, and Gabriele Cerrone, Chairman, entered into a new employment agreement and consulting agreement, respectively, with Synergy Pharmaceuticals Inc. (the Company). Each of the agreements is substantially similar to the previous employment agreement and consulting agreement entered into, except, among other things, the base salary and base compensation for Dr. Jacob and Mr. Cerrone is \$425,000, respectively, and the term of each agreement begins on January 1, 2013 and ends on December 31, 2016.

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.

Dated: December 31, 2012

SYNERGY PHARMACEUTICALS INC.

By: */s/ Gary S. Jacob*
Gary S. Jacob, Ph.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer