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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 6-K

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13A-16 OR 15D-16 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 For the month of May 2016 Commission file number 0-30752

AETERNA ZENTARIS INC.

c/o Norton Rose Fulbright Canada LLP 1 Place Ville Marie, Suite 2500 Montréal, Quebec Canada H3B 1R1

(Address of principal executive offices)

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99.1 Press release dated May 9, 2016: Aeterna Zentaris Reports First Quarter 2016 Financial and Operating Results.

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

AETERNA ZENTARIS INC.

Date: May 9, 2016 By: /s/ Philip A. Theodore

Philip A. Theodore

Senior Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer, General Counsel and Corporate

Secretary