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. Employe Identification No
11388 Sorrento Valley Road, San Diego, California		92121
(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)
Registrant s telephone number, including area	a code:	858-622-5200
	Not Applicable	
Former name o	or former address, if changed since l	ast 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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#### <u>Top of the Form</u> 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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Exhibit No.	Description
99	Press Release, dated January 12, 2005