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## Startup Ra Pharma lands \$10.3M financing

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Boston startup Ra Pharmaceuticals Inc. has pulled in \$10.3 million of a planned \$27.6 million equity round of financing, according to a [regulatory filing](#) with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

The filing lists Doug Treco, entrepreneur in residence at Morgenthaler Ventures, as president and CEO of the drug discovery company since 2008. Ra Pharmaceuticals is housed in the venture capital firm's Boston office.

Directors of the startup include Edward Mathers of VC firm New Enterprise Associates, Jim Broderick of Morgenthaler Ventures, and Lauren Silverman, managing director of the Novartis Option Fund in Cambridge, according to the filing.

Ra Pharmaceuticals does not appear to have a website established yet.

Xconomy first reported the funding on Thursday.

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