

Aeterna Zentaris Inc.  
Form 6-K  
January 24, 2012

**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 January 2012

Commission file number 0-30752

**ÆTERNA ZENTARIS INC.**

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(Address of principal executive offices)

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**DOCUMENTS INDEX**

| <b>Documents</b> | <b>Description</b>                    |
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| 99.1             | Press release dated January 23, 2012. |

**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: January 23, 2012

By: /s/ Dennis Turpin  
Dennis Turpin  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer