Registration No. 333-

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8 REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

TOKAI PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

One Broadway, 14th floor Cambridge, MA (Address of Principal Executive Offices) 20-1000967 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

> 02142 (Zip Code)

> > Accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

2007 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended 2014 Stock Incentive Plan 2014 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (Full Title of the Plan)

Jodie P. Morrison President and Chief Executive Officer Tokai Pharmaceuticals, Inc. One Broadway, 14th floor Cambridge, MA 02142 (Name and Address of Agent For Service)

(617) 225-4305

(Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Agent For Service)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer \Box

Non-accelerated filer

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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

		Proposed	Proposed	
	Amount	Maximum	Maximum	
Title of Securities to be Registered	to be Registered(1)	Offering Price Per Share	Aggregate Offering Price	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share	3,603,215 shares (2)	\$9.62 (3)	\$34,679,040 (3)	\$4,030

(1) In accordance with Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this registration statement shall be deemed to cover any additional securities that may from time to time be offered or issued to prevent dilution resulting from stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions.

(2) Consists of (i) 1,632,802 shares issuable under the 2007 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended (the "2007 Plan"); (ii) 1,745,413 shares issuable under the 2014 Stock Incentive Plan (the "2014 Plan"); and (iii) 225,000 shares issuable under the 2014 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "ESPP"). Upon the expiration, termination, surrender, cancellation, forfeiture or repurchase of outstanding awards under the 2007 Plan, the unissued balance of shares issuable under the 2014 Plan.

(3) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rules 457(c) and 457(h) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The price per share and aggregate offering price are calculated on the basis of (i) \$2.86, the weighted average exercise price of the 1,632,802 shares subject to outstanding stock options granted under the 2007 Plan, at prices ranging from \$0.11 to \$6.50 per share, (ii) \$14.04, the weighted average exercise price of the 486,472 shares subject to outstanding stock options granted under the 2017 Plan, at prices ranging from \$0.11 to \$6.50 per share, (ii) \$15.00 per share and (iii) \$15.62 per share, the average of the high and low sale prices of the registrant's common stock on The Nasdaq Global Market on November 17, 2014 with respect to an aggregate of 1,483,941 shares consisting of (a) the 1,429,337 shares issuable in the aggregate under the 2014 Plan and ESPP that are not subject to outstanding awards and (b) 54,604 shares subject to outstanding restricted stock units under the 2014 Plan.

PART I INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

Item 1. Plan Information.

The information required by Item 1 is included in documents sent or given to participants in the plans covered by this registration statement pursuant to Rule 428(b)(1) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act").

Item 2. Registrant Information and Employee Plan Annual Information.

The written statement required by Item 2 is included in documents sent or given to participants in the plans covered by this registration statement pursuant to Rule 428(b)(1) of the Securities Act.

PART II INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The registrant is subject to the informational and reporting requirements of Sections 13(a), 14, and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and in accordance therewith files reports, proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission"). The following documents, which are on file with the Commission, are incorporated in this registration statement by reference:

(a) The registrant's latest annual report filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act or the latest prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act that contains audited financial statements for the registrant's latest fiscal year for which such statements have been filed.

(b) All other reports filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act since the end of the fiscal year covered by the document referred to in (a) above.

(c) The description of the securities contained in the registrant's registration statement on Form 8-A filed under the Exchange Act, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents subsequently filed by the registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, prior to the filing of a posteffective amendment which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this registration statement and to be part hereof from the date of the filing of such documents. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for the purposes of this registration statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or supersedes such statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this registration statement.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

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Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP has opined as to the legality of the securities being offered by this registration statement.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Section 102 of the Delaware General Corporation Law permits a corporation to eliminate the personal liability of directors of a corporation to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for a breach of fiduciary duty as a director, except where the director breached his duty of loyalty, failed to act in good faith, engaged in intentional misconduct or knowingly violated a law, authorized the payment of a dividend or approved a stock repurchase in violation of Delaware corporate law or obtained an improper personal benefit. The registrant's certificate of incorporation provides that none of its directors shall be personally liable to the registrant or its stockholders for monetary damages for any breach of fiduciary duty as director, notwithstanding any provision of law imposing such liability, except to the extent that the Delaware General Corporation Law prohibits the elimination or limitation of liability of directors for breaches of fiduciary duty.

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law provides that a corporation has the power to indemnify a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation and certain other persons serving at the request of the corporation in related capacities against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlements actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with an action, suit or proceeding to which he is or is threatened to be made a party by reason of such position, if such person acted in good faith and in a manner he reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and, in any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful, except that, in the case of actions brought by or in the right of the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery or other adjudicating court determines that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all of the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper.

The registrant's certificate of incorporation provides that the registrant will indemnify each person who was or is a party or threatened to be made a party to or is involved in any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a director or officer of the registrant or is or was serving at the registrant's request as a director or officer of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law. The registrant's certificate of incorporation provides that expenses must be advanced to these indemnitees under certain circumstances.

The indemnification provisions contained in the registrant's certificate of incorporation are not exclusive. In addition, the registrant has entered into indemnification agreements with each of its directors and officers. Each indemnification agreement provides that the registrant will, among other things, indemnify its directors and executive officers for some expenses, including attorneys' fees, judgments, fines and settlement amounts incurred by a director or officer in any action or proceeding arising out of his or her service as one of the registrant's directors or officers, or any of its subsidiaries or any other company or enterprise to which the person provides services at the registrant's request.

In addition, the registrant maintains standard policies of insurance under which coverage is provided to its directors and officers against losses arising from claims made by reason of breach of duty or other wrongful act, and to the registrant with respect to payments which may be made by it to such directors and officers pursuant to the above indemnification provisions or otherwise as a matter of law.

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Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

The Exhibit Index immediately preceding the exhibits is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9. Undertakings.

1. Item 512(a) of Regulation S-K. The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent posteffective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

provided, *however*, that paragraphs (i) and (ii) do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

2. <u>Item 512(b) of Regulation S-K</u>. The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

3. <u>Item 512(h) of Regulation S-K</u>. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to

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the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Cambridge, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, on this 20th day of November, 2014.

TOKAI PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: /s/ Jodie P. Morrison

Jodie P. Morrison President and Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY AND SIGNATURES

We, the undersigned officers and directors of Tokai Pharmaceuticals, Inc., hereby severally constitute and appoint Jodie P. Morrison and Lee H. Kalowski, and each of them singly, our true and lawful attorneys with full power to them, and each of them singly, to sign for us and in our names in the capacities indicated below, the registration statement on Form S-8 filed herewith and any and all subsequent amendments to said registration statement, and generally to do all such things in our names and on our behalf in our capacities as officers and directors to enable Tokai Pharmaceuticals, Inc. to comply with the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and all requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, hereby ratifying and confirming our signatures as they may be signed by our said attorneys, or any of them, to said registration statement and any and all amendments thereto.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Jodie P. Morrison Jodie P. Morrison	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	November 20, 2014
/s/ Lee H. Kalowski Lee H. Kalowski	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	November 20, 2014
/s/ Seth L. Harrison Seth L. Harrison	Chairman	November 20, 2014
/s/ Timothy J. Barberich Timothy J. Barberich	Director	November 20, 2014

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/s/ David A. Kessler David A. Kessler Director

November 20, 2014

/s/ Joseph A. Yanchik, III Joseph A. Yanchik, III Director

November 20, 2014

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 4.1(1)
 Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant
- 4.2(1) Amended and Restated By-Laws of the Registrant
- 4.3(2) Fifth Amended and Restated Investor Rights Agreement, dated as of May 13, 2013, among the Registrant and the other parties thereto
- 5.1 Opinion of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP
- 23.1 Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
- 23.2 Consent of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)
- 24.1 Power of attorney (included on signature page)
- 99.1(2) 2007 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended
- 99.2(3) 2014 Stock Incentive Plan
- 99.3(3) 2014 Employee Stock Purchase Plan
- (1) Previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 26, 2014 as an Exhibit to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-36620) and incorporated herein by reference.
- (2) Previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 11, 2014 as an Exhibit to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-198052) and incorporated herein by reference.
- (3) Previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on September 2, 2014 as an Exhibit to the Amendment No. 1 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-198052) and incorporated herein by reference.

Exhibit 5.1

November 20, 2014

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Tokai Pharmaceuticals, Inc. One Broadway, 14th floor Cambridge, MA 02142

> Re: 2007 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended 2014 Stock Incentive Plan 2014 Employee Stock Purchase Plan

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have assisted in the preparation of a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), relating to an aggregate of 3,603,215 shares of common stock, \$0.001 par value per share (the "Shares"), of Tokai Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), issuable under the Company's 2007 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended, 2014 Stock Incentive Plan and 2014 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (collectively, the "Plans").

We have examined the Certificate of Incorporation and By-Laws of the Company, each as amended and restated to date, and originals, or copies certified to our satisfaction, of all pertinent records of the meetings of the directors and stockholders of the Company, the Registration Statement and such other documents relating to the Company as we have deemed material for the purposes of this opinion.

In our examination of the foregoing documents, we have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as certified, photostatic or other copies, the authenticity of the originals of any such documents and the legal competence of all signatories to such documents.

We assume that the appropriate action will be taken, prior to the offer and sale of the Shares in accordance with the Plans, to register and qualify the Shares for sale under all applicable state securities or "blue sky" laws.

We express no opinion herein as to the laws of any state or jurisdiction other than the state laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware and the federal laws of the United States of America.

Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP, 60 State Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02109 Beijing Berlin Boston Brussels Frankfurt London Los Angeles New York Oxford Palo Alto Waltham Washington

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It is understood that this opinion is to be used only in connection with the offer and sale of the Shares while the Registration Statement is in effect.

Please note that we are opining only as to the matters expressly set forth herein, and no opinion should be inferred as to any other matters.

Based on the foregoing, we are of the opinion that the Shares have been duly authorized for issuance and, when the Shares are issued and paid for in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Plans, the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion with the Commission in connection with the Registration Statement in accordance with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act. In giving such consent, we do not hereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Very truly yours,

WILMER CUTLER PICKERING HALE AND DORR LLP

By: /s/ Stuart M. Falber Stuart M. Falber, a Partner

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-8 of our report dated May 2, 2014, except for the last paragraph in Note 16, as to which the date is August 29, 2014, relating to the consolidated financial statements, which appears in Tokai Pharmaceuticals, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (No. 333-198052) dated September 2, 2014.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Boston, Massachusetts November 20, 2014