

ALNYLAM PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Form 8-K

March 17, 2011

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**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): March 17, 2011 (March 16, 2011)  
Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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| Delaware                                       | 000-50743                | 77-0602661                        |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |

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| 300 Third Street, Cambridge, MA | 02142 |
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| (Address of Principal Executive Offices) | (Zip Code) |
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 551-8200

Not applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last 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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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On March 16, 2011, a civil complaint was filed in the Business Litigation Section of the Suffolk County Superior Court, in Boston, Massachusetts by Tekmira Pharmaceuticals Corporation and Protiva Biotherapeutics, Inc., as plaintiffs, against Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the Company), as defendant. The complaint alleges misappropriation of the plaintiffs' confidential and proprietary information and trade secrets, unfair and deceptive trade practices, unjust enrichment, unfair competition and false advertising, by the Company, and seeks injunctive relief and unspecified damages.

The Company firmly believes that the complaint filed by the plaintiffs is without merit or foundation and intends to fully defend itself in this matter.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

ALNYLAM PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Date: March 17, 2011

By: /s/ Michael P. Mason  
Michael P. Mason  
Vice President, Finance and Treasurer