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BIOMARIN PHARMACEUTICAL INC
Form 8-K
June 12, 2002

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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): June 11, 2002

BioMarin Pharmaceutical Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware | 000-26727 | 68-0397820 |
| (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) | (Commission File Number) | (IRS Employer Identification No.) |

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| 371 Bel Marin Keys Boulevard, Suite 210, Novato, California | 94949 |
| (Address of principal executive offices) | (Zip Code) |

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (415) 884-6700

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)
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Item 4. Changes in Registrant's Certifying Accountant.

(a) Previous independent accountants

(i) On June 11, 2002, BioMarin Pharmaceutical Inc. (the "Registrant") dismissed Arthur Andersen LLP as its independent accountants. The Registrant's Audit Committee recommended this action and the Registrant's entire Board of Directors participated in and approved the action.

(ii) The reports of Arthur Andersen LLP on the Registrant's financial statements for the past two fiscal years contained no adverse opinion or disclaimer of opinion and were not qualified or modified as to uncertainty, audit scope or accounting principle.

(iii) In connection with its audits for the two most recent fiscal years and through June 11, 2002, there have been no disagreements with Arthur Andersen LLP on any matter of accounting principles or practices, financial statement disclosure, or auditing scope or procedure, which disagreements if not resolved to the satisfaction of Arthur Andersen LLP would have caused them to make reference thereto

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in their report on the financial statements for such years.

(iv) During the two most recent fiscal years and through June 11, 2002, there have been no reportable events (as defined in Item 304(a) (1) (v) of Regulation S-K).

(v) The Registrant has requested that Arthur Andersen LLP furnish it with a letter addressed to the SEC stating whether or not it agrees with the above statements. A copy of Registrant's request to Arthur Andersen, dated June 11, 2002 is filed as Exhibit 16.1 to this Form 8-K.

(b) New independent accountants

The Registrant engaged KPMG LLP as its new independent accountants as of June 11, 2002. The Registrant's Audit Committee recommended this action and the Registrant's entire Board of Directors approved the action. During the two most recent fiscal years and through June 11, 2002, the Registrant has not consulted with KPMG LLP regarding either:

- a. the application of accounting principles to a specified transaction, either completed or proposed; or the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on the Registrant's financial statements, and either a written report was provided to the Registrant or oral advice was provided that KPMG LLP concluded was an important factor considered by the Registrant in reaching a decision as to the accounting, auditing or financial reporting issue; or
- b. any matter that was within the subject of a disagreement, as that term is defined in Item 304(a) (1) (iv) of Regulation S-K and the related instructions to Item 304 of Regulation S-K, or a reportable event, as that term is defined in Item 304(a) (1) (v) of Regulation S-K.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit 16.1 Letter from BioMarin Pharmaceutical Inc. to Arthur Andersen LLP dated June 11, 2002.

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.

BioMarin Pharmaceutical Inc.,
a Delaware corporation

Date: June 11, 2002

By: /s/Fredric D. Price

Fredric D. Price
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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