

ALNYLAM PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.  
Form 8-K  
April 07, 2011

**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): April 6, 2011**

**Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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

300 Third Street, Cambridge, MA

02142

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On April 6, 2011, Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the Company ) served and filed an Answer and Counterclaim in the action entitled Tekmira Pharmaceuticals Corporation and Protiva Biotherapeutics, Inc., v. Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, Inc. pending in the Business Litigation Section of the Suffolk County Superior Court, in Boston, Massachusetts. A copy of the Company s Answer and Counterclaim is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Answer and Counterclaim of Alnylam Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

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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: April 6, 2011

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

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
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