

Vaishnaw Akshay
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Vaishnaw Akshay

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ALNYLAM
 PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.
 [ALNY]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 300 THIRD STREET
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/20/2017

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP, R&D

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142

(City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount Underlying Security |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---|---|
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | |
|---|---|-------------------------|--------------------|--|------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Performance Stock Option 2013 (right to buy) | \$ 63 | 09/20/2017 | A ⁽¹⁾ | | 10,834 | | 09/20/2017 | 12/17/2023 | Common Stock | 10,834 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Vaishnaw Akshay 300 THIRD STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142 | | | EVP, R&D | |

Signatures

By: /s/ Michael P. Mason, Attorney-in-Fact For: Akshay K. Vaishaw 09/22/2017

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) On December 18, 2013, the reporting person was granted a performance based stock option to purchase shares of ALNY Common Stock. One-third of the shares subject to the option will vest upon the achievement of each of three specific clinical development and regulatory events, as approved by our compensation committee. Effective September 20, 2017, the compensation committee of the company determined the second performance criteria had been met and the option will vest as to one-third of the shares.

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