

Vaishnaw Akshay
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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)
 12/20/2017

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
 ____ 10% Owner
 ____ Other (specify below)
 EVP, R&D

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/19/2017		G	V 320 D \$ 0	11,215	D	
Common Stock					338	I	by Managed Account ⁽¹⁾

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 Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Based Stock Option 2016 (right to buy)	\$ 42.22	12/20/2017		A ⁽²⁾	6,250	12/20/2017	12/20/2026	Common Stock	6,250

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Vaishnaw Akshay 300 THIRD STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139			EVP, R&D	

Signatures

/s/ Michael P. Mason, Attorney-in-Fact for Akshay K. Vaishnaw 12/21/2017

**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) The reporting person owns 338 shares of ALNY common stock under the ALNY 401(k) plan as a result of the ALNY 401(k) matching contribution program.
On December 20, 2016, the reporting person was granted a performance based stock option to purchase shares of ALNY common stock.
- (2) One quarter of the shares subject to the option will vest upon the achievement of each of four specific clinical development, regulatory or commercial events, as approved by our compensation committee. Effective December 20, 2017, the compensation committee of the Company determined the first performance criterion had been met and the option vested as to one-quarter of the shares.

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