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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Vaishnaw Akshay Issuer

Symbol **ALNYLAM**

PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

[ALNY]

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction below) below)

(Month/Day/Year) 12/20/2017

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

> Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

300 THIRD STREET

(Zip) (City) (State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code Amount (D) Price

Common 12/19/2017 V 320 \$0 G D 11,215 D Stock

by Common 338 Ι Managed Stock 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number op f 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	Amoun or Numbe 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			EVP, R&D				

300 THIRD STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

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.

 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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