## ALKERMES INC Form 8-K December 08, 2003

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

DATE OF REPORT - DECEMBER 8, 2003 (Date of earliest event reported)

ALKERMES, INC. (Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

PENNSYLVANIA	001-14131	23-2472830
(State of incorporation)	(Commission file number)	(IRS employer
		identification
		number)

88 SIDNEY STREET, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139 (Address of principal executive offices, zip code)

AREA CODE (617) 494-0171 (Telephone number)

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION.

Alkermes, Inc. announced preliminary results from its Phase III study of Vivitrex(R) (naltrexone for injectable suspension) in a total of 624 male and female patients with alcohol dependence. Patients received psychosocial therapy and once-monthly injections of Vivitrex 380 mg, Vivitrex 190 mg, or placebo for a six- month period. The primary endpoint of the study was the rate of heavy drinking over the period. In the overall study population, patients treated with Vivitrex 380 mg experienced approximately a 25% reduction in the rate of heavy drinking relative to placebo, which was statistically significant (p