

**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): February 24, 2020

BioCryst Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

000-23186
(Commission File Number)

62-1413174
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

4505 Emperor Blvd., Suite 200, Durham, North Carolina 27703
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(919) 859-1302
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
 Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
 Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
 Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock	BCRX	Nasdaq Global Select Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (17 CFR §230.405) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (17 CFR §240.12b-2). Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On February 24, 2020, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of BioCryst Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the “Company”) voted to increase the size of the Board from eight directors to nine directors and elected Alan Levin to fill the vacancy created by the enlargement of the Board, effective February 27, 2020. Mr. Levin’s initial term will expire at the Company’s annual meeting of stockholders in 2022. The Company issued a news release reporting this matter on February 25, 2020, and a copy of the news release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

The Company’s Board also appointed Mr. Levin to serve on the Audit Committee and Finance Committee effective upon his election to the Board.

Pursuant to the Company’s Stock Incentive Plan, Mr. Levin will receive an automatic grant of 15,000 stock options upon joining the Board and will be entitled to a grant of 30,000 stock options after each annual stockholders’ meeting. Mr. Levin will receive compensation consistent with the Company’s director compensation policy as described in the Company’s proxy statement for its 2020 annual meeting of stockholders.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated February 25, 2020 entitled “BioCryst Appoints Alan G. Levin to Board of Directors”

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.

BioCryst Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Date: February 25, 2020

By: /s/ Alane Barnes

Alane Barnes
Senior Vice President and Chief Legal Officer

BioCryst Appoints Alan G. Levin to Board of Directors

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C., Feb. 25, 2020 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- BioCryst Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Nasdaq: BCRX) today announced that the company has appointed former Pfizer chief financial officer (CFO), Alan G. Levin, to its board of directors (BOD).

In addition to his 20-year career at Pfizer, Mr. Levin served as CFO of Endo Pharmaceuticals, Inc. over a five-year period where the company experienced a nearly 400 percent increase in its market capitalization.

He currently serves on the BOD of Diffusion Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a development stage company focused on therapeutics to enhance the effectiveness of treatments for stroke and cancer, and on the advisory board of Auvex Therapeutics, a global private equity fund that acquires and pursues accelerated development of breakthrough therapeutic drugs, prior to licensing them to commercial partners.

From 2014 through 2019, Mr. Levin served on the BOD of Aceto Corporation, a multinational company involved in the sale and distribution of generic drugs, pharmaceutical intermediates and performance chemicals. He also serves on the BOD of the Critical Path Institute, a nonprofit collaboration between the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and the pharmaceutical industry, focused on streamlining and accelerating the development and regulatory pathways for innovative medicines.

“With a significant therapy nearing approval this year, and a pipeline of home-grown oral medicines for rare diseases right behind it, BioCryst is transitioning into a commercial company positioned for long-term success delivering innovative medicines to patients. I look forward to adding my contribution to the outstanding board and management team,” said Mr. Levin.

“We welcome Alan and the exceptional experience he brings from 20 years in leadership at one of the world’s most successful pharmaceutical companies, combined with his deep understanding of biotech and finance,” said Robert Ingram, chairman of BioCryst.

Mr. Levin is an audit committee financial expert, as defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission, and is a certified public accountant. He holds a bachelor’s degree from Princeton University and a master’s degree from New York University’s Stern School of Business.

About BioCryst Pharmaceuticals

BioCryst Pharmaceuticals discovers novel, oral, small-molecule medicines that treat rare diseases in which significant unmet medical needs exist and an enzyme plays a key role in the biological pathway of the disease. BioCryst has several ongoing development programs including berotralstat (BCX7353), an oral treatment for hereditary angioedema, BCX9930, an oral Factor D inhibitor for the treatment of complement-mediated diseases, galidesivir, a potential treatment for Marburg virus disease and Yellow Fever, and BCX9250, an ALK-2 inhibitor for the treatment of fibrodysplasia ossificans progressiva. RAPIVAB[®] (peramivir injection), a viral neuraminidase inhibitor for the treatment of influenza, is BioCryst's first approved product and has received regulatory approval in the U.S., Canada, Australia, Japan, Taiwan, Korea and the European Union. Post-marketing commitments for RAPIVAB are ongoing. For more information, please visit the Company's website at www.BioCryst.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements, including statements regarding future results, performance or achievements. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause BioCryst’s actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. These statements reflect our current views with respect to future events and are based on assumptions and are subject to risks and uncertainties. Given these uncertainties, you should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. Some of the factors that could affect the forward-looking statements contained herein include: that we may not receive regulatory approval of berotralstat within the timeframe expected, or at all; we may learn of previously unknown issues; ongoing or future studies, including any related to berotralstat, may take longer or be more expensive than planned; and in the event that berotralstat is approved in any territory, we or our partners may be unable to successfully commercialize as expected. Please refer to the documents BioCryst files periodically with the Securities and Exchange Commission, specifically BioCryst’s most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and Current Reports on Form 8-K, all of which identify important factors that could cause the actual results to differ materially from those contained in BioCryst’s projections and forward-looking statements.

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