

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): May 11, 2021

**ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

000-27756  
(Commission File Number)

13-3648318  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

121 Seaport Boulevard, Boston, Massachusetts 02210  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(475) 230-2596  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share	ALXN	The 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 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

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 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.**

Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), held its special meeting of stockholders on May 11, 2021 (the “special meeting”). A definitive merger proxy statement on Schedule 14A with respect to the special meeting was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 13, 2021. Descriptions of each of the proposals voted upon at the special meeting are contained in the definitive merger proxy statement. At the close of business on March 30, 2021, the record date of the special meeting, the Company had 220,912,612 shares of common stock issued and outstanding. The holders of a total of 160,738,262 shares of common stock were present at the special meeting, either in person or by proxy, which constituted a quorum for the purpose of the special meeting.

The following is a summary of the voting results with respect to each of the proposals, including the number of votes cast for and against, and the number of abstentions.

1. A proposal to adopt the Agreement and Plan of Merger (the “Merger Agreement”), dated as of December 12, 2020 by and among the Company, AstraZeneca PLC (“AstraZeneca”), Delta Omega Sub Holdings Inc., Delta Omega Sub Holdings Inc. 1 and Delta Omega Sub Holdings LLC 2 (the “Merger Proposal”).

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
160,441,094	187,257	109,911

2. A proposal to approve, on a non-binding, advisory basis, the compensation that may be paid or become payable to Alexion’s named executive officers that is based on or otherwise relates to the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement.

<b>For</b>	<b>Against</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
150,361,845	9,447,868	928,549

3. A proposal to approve the adjournment of the Alexion special meeting, if necessary or appropriate, to solicit additional proxies if there are not sufficient votes at the time of the Alexion special meeting to approve the Merger Proposal or to ensure that any supplement or amendment to Alexion’s proxy statement is timely provided to Alexion stockholders.

An adjournment was not necessary in light of adoption of the Merger Proposal.

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On May 11, 2021, the Company issued a press release (the “Press Release”) announcing the results of the special meeting. A copy of the Press Release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description of Exhibit</b>
<a href="#">99.1</a>	Press Release dated May 11, 2021
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document)

**Additional Information and Where to Find It**

In connection with AstraZeneca's proposed acquisition of Alexion (the "proposed transaction"), AstraZeneca filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form F-4 which includes a proxy statement of Alexion and a prospectus of AstraZeneca. The registration statement was declared effective by the SEC on April 12, 2021, and mailing of the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus to the shareholders of Alexion occurred on or about April 12, 2021. Each of Alexion and AstraZeneca may also file other relevant documents with the SEC regarding the proposed transaction. INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS ARE URGED TO READ THE DEFINITIVE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT DOCUMENTS THAT MAY BE FILED WITH THE SEC, AS WELL AS ANY AMENDMENTS OR SUPPLEMENTS TO THESE DOCUMENTS, CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY IF AND WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN OR WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION. Investors and security holders will be able to obtain free copies of the registration statement and the definitive proxy statement/prospectus and other documents containing important information about Alexion, AstraZeneca and the proposed transaction through the website maintained by the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>. Copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Alexion will be available free of charge on Alexion's website at <http://www.alexion.com> or by contacting Alexion's Investor Relations Department by email at [InvestorRelations@alexion.com](mailto:InvestorRelations@alexion.com). Copies of the documents filed with the SEC by AstraZeneca will be available free of charge on AstraZeneca's website at <https://www.astrazeneca.com/investor-relations.html> or by contacting AstraZeneca's Investor Relations department by email at [global-mediateam@astrazeneca.com](mailto:global-mediateam@astrazeneca.com).

**Participants in the Solicitation**

Alexion, AstraZeneca, their respective directors and certain of their executive officers and other employees may be deemed to be participants in the solicitation of proxies from Alexion's shareholders in connection with the proposed transaction. Information about Alexion's directors and executive officers is available in Alexion's proxy statement for its 2020 annual meeting of shareholders, which was filed with the SEC on March 26, 2020, Alexion's Annual Report on Form 10-K/A for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020, which was filed with the SEC on February 16, 2021, and other documents subsequently filed by Alexion with the SEC. Information about AstraZeneca's directors and executive officers is available in AstraZeneca's Form 20-F filed with the SEC on February 16, 2021, and other documents subsequently filed by AstraZeneca with the SEC. Other information regarding the participants in the proxy solicitations and a description of their direct and indirect interests, by security holdings or otherwise, are contained in the definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus filed with the SEC on April 12, 2021 and other relevant materials to be filed with the SEC regarding the proposed transaction when they become available. Free copies of these documents may be obtained as described in the paragraphs above.

**No Offer Or Solicitation**

This communication is not intended to and shall not constitute an offer to buy or sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy or sell any securities, or a solicitation of any vote or approval, nor shall there be any sale of securities in any jurisdiction in which such offer, solicitation or sale would be unlawful prior to registration or qualification under the securities laws of any such jurisdiction. No offering of securities shall be made, except by means of a prospectus meeting the requirements of Section 10 of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

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## Forward-Looking Statements

This communication contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. You can generally identify forward-looking statements by the use of forward-looking terminology such as “anticipate,” “believe,” “continue,” “could,” “estimate,” “expect,” “explore,” “evaluate,” “intend,” “may,” “might,” “plan,” “potential,” “predict,” “project,” “seek,” “should,” or “will,” or the negative thereof or other variations thereon or comparable terminology. These forward-looking statements are only predictions and involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties, many of which are beyond Alexion’s and AstraZeneca’s control. Statements in this communication regarding Alexion, AstraZeneca and the combined company that are forward-looking, including anticipated benefits of the proposed transaction, the impact of the proposed transaction on Alexion’s and AstraZeneca’s businesses and future financial and operating results, the amount and timing of synergies from the proposed transaction, the terms and scope of the expected financing for the proposed transaction, the aggregate amount of indebtedness of the combined company following the closing of the proposed transaction, are based on management’s estimates, assumptions and projections, and are subject to significant uncertainties and other factors, many of which are beyond Alexion’s and AstraZeneca’s control. These factors include, among other things, market factors, competitive product development and approvals, pricing controls and pressures (including changes in rules and practices of managed care groups and institutional and governmental purchasers), economic conditions such as interest rate and currency exchange rate fluctuations, judicial decisions, claims and concerns that may arise regarding the safety and efficacy of in-line products and product candidates, changes to wholesaler inventory levels, variability in data provided by third parties, changes in, and interpretation of, governmental regulations and legislation affecting domestic or foreign operations, including tax obligations, changes to business or tax planning strategies, difficulties and delays in product development, manufacturing or sales including any potential future recalls, patent positions and the ultimate outcome of any litigation matter. Additional information concerning these risks, uncertainties and assumptions can be found in Alexion’s and AstraZeneca’s respective filings with the SEC, including the risk factors discussed in Alexion’s most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, as updated by its Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, in AstraZeneca’s most recent Annual Report on Form 20-F and in each company’s future filings with the SEC. Important risk factors could cause actual future results and other future events to differ materially from those currently estimated by management, including, but not limited to, the risks that: a condition to the closing the proposed acquisition may not be satisfied; a regulatory approval that may be required for the proposed acquisition is delayed, is not obtained or is obtained subject to conditions that are not anticipated; AstraZeneca is unable to achieve the synergies and value creation contemplated by the proposed acquisition; AstraZeneca is unable to promptly and effectively integrate Alexion’s businesses; management’s time and attention is diverted on transaction related issues; disruption from the transaction makes it more difficult to maintain business, contractual and operational relationships; the credit ratings of the combined company declines following the proposed acquisition; legal proceedings are instituted against Alexion, AstraZeneca or the combined company; Alexion, AstraZeneca or the combined company is unable to retain key personnel; and the announcement or the consummation of the proposed acquisition has a negative effect on the market price of the capital stock of Alexion or AstraZeneca or on Alexion’s or AstraZeneca’s operating results. No assurances can be given that any of the events anticipated by the forward-looking statements will transpire or occur, or if any of them do occur, what impact they will have on the results of operations, financial condition or cash flows of Alexion or AstraZeneca. Should any risks and uncertainties develop into actual events, these developments could have a material adverse effect on the proposed transaction and/or Alexion or AstraZeneca, AstraZeneca’s ability to successfully complete the proposed transaction and/or realize the expected benefits from the proposed transaction. You are cautioned not to rely on Alexion’s and AstraZeneca’s forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are and will be based upon management’s then-current views and assumptions regarding future events and operating performance, and are applicable only as of the dates of such statements. Neither Alexion nor AstraZeneca assumes any duty to update or revise forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, as of any future date.

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**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.

ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: /s/ Doug Barry

Name: Doug Barry

Title: Vice President, Corporate Law

Date: May 11, 2021

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### Alexion Shareholders Approve Acquisition by AstraZeneca

**BOSTON – May 11, 2021** - Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (NASDAQ:ALXN) today announced that its shareholders have voted to adopt and approve the previously announced agreement to be acquired by AstraZeneca at a special meeting of shareholders held today.

Ludwig Hantson, Ph.D., Chief Executive Officer, Alexion, said: “We’re very pleased with today’s affirmative shareholder vote, which brings us one step closer to completing a transaction that will accelerate the combined company’s ability to develop and provide access to life-changing medicines for patients with rare and devastating diseases around the world.”

Subject to receipt of additional regulatory clearances, the acquisition is expected to close in the third quarter of 2021.

#### About Alexion

Alexion is a global biopharmaceutical company focused on serving patients and families affected by rare diseases and devastating conditions through the discovery, development and commercialization of life-changing medicines. As a leader in rare diseases for more than 25 years, Alexion has developed and commercializes two approved complement inhibitors to treat patients with paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria (PNH) and atypical hemolytic uremic syndrome (aHUS), as well as the first and only approved complement inhibitor to treat anti-acetylcholine receptor (AChR) antibody-positive generalized myasthenia gravis (gMG) and neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorder (NMOSD). Alexion also has two highly innovative enzyme replacement therapies for patients with life-threatening and ultra-rare metabolic disorders, hypophosphatasia (HPP) and lysosomal acid lipase deficiency (LAL-D) as well as the first and only approved Factor Xa inhibitor reversal agent. In addition, the company is developing several mid-to-late-stage therapies, including a copper-binding agent for Wilson disease, an anti-neonatal Fc receptor (FcRn) antibody for rare Immunoglobulin G (IgG)-mediated diseases and an oral Factor D inhibitor as well as several early-stage therapies, including one for light chain (AL) amyloidosis, a second oral Factor D inhibitor and a third complement inhibitor. Alexion focuses its research efforts on novel molecules and targets in the complement cascade and its development efforts on the core therapeutic areas of hematology, nephrology, neurology, metabolic disorders, cardiology and ophthalmology. Headquartered in Boston, Massachusetts, Alexion has offices around the globe and serves patients in more than 50 countries. This press release and further information about Alexion can be found at: [www.alexion.com](http://www.alexion.com).

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