FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  SQUINTO STEPHEN P						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ ALXN ]									all applic	or (give title		10% Ov Other (s below)	vner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS INC 352 KNOTTER DRIVE						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/18/2011									EVP & Head of R&D					
(Street) CHESHIRE CT 06410  (City) (State) (Zip)					-	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
Table I - Non-Deriva  1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transact Date (Month/Day)					ction	2A Ex r) if a	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4		l (A) or	5. Amou Securitie Benefici Owned F		nt of es ally Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		Reporte Transac (Instr. 3	tion(s)			(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share 01/18					/2011				S		346(1)	D	\$82.0	34,247		,247		D		
Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share 01/18/2					/2011						10,000(2	() A	\$10.3	.36 44,247(2)		247(2)		D		
Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share 01/18/2					/2011				M		24,000(2	() A	\$16.3	68,247(2)		247(2)		D		
Common Stock, par value \$.0001 per share 01/18/2					/2011	2011			S		34,000(2	<sup>2)</sup> D \$85.		2 <sup>(3)</sup>	34,247			D		
			Table II								posed of, converti			y Ov	wned		,			
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deer Executio if any (Month/D	n Date,	4. Transa Code ( 8)				6. Date Expirati (Month)	ion Da		of Securit Underlyin	ig e Security	De Se	Price of rivative curity str. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ly i	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa	able	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	er						
Option to Purchase Common	\$10.36	01/18/2011			S			10,000	04/09/2	2006	01/09/2016	Common Stock, par value \$.0001	10,000		\$0	0		D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

\$16.35

Common Stock

Option to

Purchase

Common

Stock

- 1. These sales were made to cover withholding taxes immediately following the vesting of previously granted Restricted Stock.
- 2. The transactions reported by this Form 4 are made pursuant to the terms of a sales plan designed to meet the requirements of Rule 10b5-1 (c)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act.

24,000

3. This transaction was executed in multiple trades through a broker-dealer at prices ranging from \$85.00 - \$85.99. The price reported in this column reflects the weighted average sales price. Upon request, the reporting person will provide to the SEC staff full information regarding the number of shares sold at each price.

09/07/2006

01/18/2011 /s/ Stephen Squinto

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

24,000

\$0

per share Common

Stock,

par value

\$.0001

per share

06/07/2016

Date

0

D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

01/18/2011

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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