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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. )

Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Name of Issuer)

Common Shares (Title of Class of Securities)

> 015351109 (CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2003 (Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

/\_X\_/ Rule 13d-1(b)

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1	NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS IRS IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)						
	RS Investment Management Co. LLC						
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (See Instructions) (a)/ / (b)/ /						
3	SEC USE ONLY						
4	CITIZENSHIP OR Delaware	PLACE OF	ORGANIZA	ATION		_	
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1	NAME OF REPORTING PERS	SONS	/E PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY)					
	G. Randall Hecht							
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3	SEC USE ONLY							
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION							

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ITEM 1.						
(a) The name of (the "Issuer").	the issuer is Al	exion Pharmaceuticals, Inc.				
(b) The principa 352 Knotler Drive, Che		ce of the Issuer is located	at:			
ITEM 2.						
(a-c) See Annex statement (collective)		n on the persons filing thi	S			
(d) This statement (the "Stock").	ent relates to sh	ares of common stock of the	Issuer			
(e) The CUSIP nu	umber of the Stoc	k is 015351109.				
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ITEM 3. If this state 240.13d-2(b) or (c), c		rsuant to rule 240.13d-1(b) e person filing is a:	or			
(a) U.S.C. 78o).	Broker or deal	er registered under section	15 of the Act (15			
(b)	Bank as define	ed in section 3(a)(6) of the	Act (15 U.S.C.			
(c) (15 U.S.C. 78c).	Insurance comp	any as defined in section 3	(a)(19) of the Act			
(d) Investment Company Act		npany registered under secti C. 80a-8).	on 8 of the			
<ul><li>(e) _X*_ An investment adviser in accordance with 240.13d-</li><li>(b)(1)(ii)(E). *RS Investment Management, L.P. is a registered investment adviser.</li></ul>						
(f) with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(i		nefit plan or endowment fun	d in accordance			
(g) _X*_ with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(i	i)(G).  *RS Investment  of RS Investme  Hecht is a con	ang company or control perso Management Co. LLC is the ent Management, L.P. G. Ran atrol person of RS Investmen Investment Management, L.P	general partner dall t Management			

- ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP

See Items 5-9 and 11 on the cover page for each Filer.

ITEM 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following /\_\_\_/.

ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON

RS Investment Management Co. LLC is the parent company of registered investment advisers whose clients have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the Stock. No individual client's holdings of the Stock are more than five percent of the outstanding Stock.

RS Investment Management, L.P. is a registered investment adviser and the managing member of registered investment advisers.
RS Investment Management Co. LLC is the General Partner of RS Investment Management, L.P. G. Randall Hecht is a control person of RS Investment Management Co. LLC and RS Investment Management, L.P.

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ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY

Not applicable.

ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Not applicable.

ITEM 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP

Not applicable.

ITEM 10. CERTIFICATION

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

## **SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 14, 2004

RS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT CO. LLC
By: /s/ G. Randall Hecht
G. Randall Hecht
Chief Executive Officer

RS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, L.P.
By: /s/ G. Randall Hecht
G. Randall Hecht
Chief Executive Officer

/s/ G. Randall Hecht G. Randall Hecht

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EXHIBIT A

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

The undersigned hereby agree that they are filing this statement jointly pursuant to Rule 13d-1(f)(1). Each of them is responsible for the timely filing of the Schedule 13G and any amendments thereto, and for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning such person contained therein; but none of them is responsible for the completeness or accuracy of the information concerning the other persons making the filing, unless such person knows or has reason to believe that such information is accurate.

Dated: February 14, 2004

RS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT CO. LLC
By: /s/ G. Randall Hecht
G. Randall Hecht

Chief Executive Officer

RS INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT, L.P.

By: /s/ G. Randall Hecht G. Randall Hecht

Chief Executive Officer

/s/ G. Randall Hecht

G. Randall Hecht

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Annex I

The filers are:

- I. (a) RS Investment Management Co. LLC, is a Delaware Limited Liability Company.
- (b) holding company
- II. (a) RS Investment Management, L.P. is a California Limited Partnership.
  - (b) registered investment adviser
- III. (a) G. Randall Hecht is a control person of RS Investment Management Co. LLC and RS Investment Management, L.P.
  - (b) individual