

AVI BIOPHARMA INC
Form 8-K
October 18, 2010

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 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): **October 15, 2010**

AVI BioPharma, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Oregon
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

001-14895
(Commission File Number)

93-0797222
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

3450 Monte Villa Parkway, Suite 101
Bothell, WA 98021
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(425) 354-5038
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On October 15, 2010, AVI BioPharma, Inc. issued a press release announcing the results of a recently completed clinical trial of its product candidate, AVI-4658, for the treatment of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD). The text of the press release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit Number | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press Release dated October 15, 2010 announcing results of clinical trial of AVI-4658. |

SIGNATURES

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.

AVI BioPharma, Inc.

By:

/s/ J. David Boyle II
J. David Boyle II
Interim President and Chief Executive
Officer, and Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 16, 2010

EXHIBIT INDEX

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