
**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): March 31, 2017

ALKERMES PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ireland
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-35299
(Commission
File Number)

98-1007018
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

Connaught House, 1 Burlington Road
Dublin 4, Ireland
(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code): + 353-1-772-8000

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Item 8.01. Other Events

On March 31, 2017, the United States District Court for the District of Delaware (the “Court”) upheld U.S. Patent No. 5,540,938, which pertains to the formulation of AMPYRA® (dalfampridine) Extended Release Tablets, 10 mg and is set to expire in July 2018. The Court invalidated U.S. Patent Nos. 8,663,685, 8,007,826, 8,440,703, and 8,354,437, which pertain to AMPYRA. The Court’s opinion remains subject to appeal.

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.

ALKERMES PLC

Date: March 31, 2017

By: /s/ David J. Gaffin

David J. Gaffin

Senior Vice President, Chief Legal Officer