



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. "

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 24, 2018, Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. issued a press release relating to its results of operations and financial condition for the quarter ended September 30, 2018. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

The attached press release contains both U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, or GAAP, and non-GAAP financial measures. The non-GAAP results exclude the impact of the following GAAP items: share-based compensation expense, fair value adjustment of inventory acquired, amortization of purchased intangible assets, changes in fair value of contingent consideration, restructuring and related expenses, upfront payments related to licenses and collaborations, acquired in-process research and development assets, impairment of intangible assets, change in value of equity securities without readily determinable fair values, litigation charges, gain or loss on sale of a business or asset and certain adjustments to income tax expense. Reconciliations between non-GAAP and GAAP financial measures are included in the press release set forth as Exhibit 99.1 furnished in this Form 8-K. Alexion's management utilizes non-GAAP financial information to provide a useful measure of comparative operating performance of Alexion. The non-GAAP financial measures are supplemental to and not a substitute for, measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with GAAP.

The press release, and the information set forth therein, is being furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 of this Current Report on Form 8-K and shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. Nor shall such document be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, regardless of any general incorporation language in the filing unless specifically stated so therein.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release issued by Alexion Pharmaceuticals, Inc. on October 24, 2018 relating to its results of operations and financial condition for the quarter ended September 30, 2018.

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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.

Date: October 24, 2018 ALEXION PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: /s/ Doug Barry

Name: Doug Barry

Title: Vice President, Corporate Law