

AVI BIOPHARMA INC  
Form 8-K  
March 10, 2011

**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): March 10, 2011

**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.)

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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)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  
- .. Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On March 10, 2011, AVI BioPharma, Inc. (the Company ) announced via press release its results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2010. A copy of the Company s press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. The information in this Form 8-K and the attached exhibit are furnished to, but not filed with, the Securities and Exchange Commission.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits.**

Pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the attached exhibit is deemed to have been furnished to, but not filed with, the Securities and Exchange Commission:

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press release issued by AVI BioPharma, Inc., dated March 10, 2011.

**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  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: March 10, 2011

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