

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

FORM 4

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**STATEMENT OF
CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or
Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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(Print or Type Responses)

<p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</p> <p>BVF Partners L.P.</p> <hr/> <p align="center">(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>227 West Monroe Street, Suite 4800</p> <hr/> <p align="center">(Street)</p> <p>Chicago, Illinois 60606</p> <hr/> <p align="center">(City) (State) (Zip)</p>	<p>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>Biocryst Pharmaceuticals Inc. ("BCRX")</p> <hr/> <p>3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (Voluntary)</p> <p>4. Statement for Month/Day/Year</p> <p align="center">December 23, 2002</p> <hr/> <p>5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year)</p>	<p>6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)</p> <hr/> <p>7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by one Reporting Person</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than one Reporting Person</p>
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Table I — Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Month (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	12/23/02		P		2,000	A	\$0.89
Common Stock	12/23/02		P		1,000	A	\$0.89
Common Stock	12/23/02		p		2,000	A	\$0.89
					2,080,100		

*If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II — Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)
				Code	V	(A) (D)
						Date Exercisable
						Expiration Date
7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Securities: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Title	Amount or Number of Shares					

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The shares reported in this response are beneficially owned by BVF Partners L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Partners"), the designated filer of this joint filing on Form 4, and by its general partner, BVF Inc., a Delaware corporation ("BVF Inc."), which is also an investment advisor to Partners. Partners is the general partner of Biotechnology Value Fund, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("BVF, L.P.") and Biotechnology Value Fund II, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("BVF2, L.P."), both investment limited partnerships. Partners also is the manager of BVF Investments, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company ("Investments"). Pursuant to the operating agreement of Investments, Partners is authorized, among other things, to invest the funds of Ziff Asset Management, L.P., the majority member of Investments, in the shares of Common Stock reported in Table I as being beneficially owned by Investments. Mark N. Lampert is the sole shareholder and sole director of BVF Inc., and is an officer of BVF Inc. This joint filing on Form 4 shall not be deemed an admission that Mark N. Lampert is, for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise, the beneficial owner of any equity securities covered by this joint filing.
- (2) Shares beneficially owned by BVF, L.P.
- (3) Shares beneficially owned by BVF2, L.P.
- (4) Shares beneficially owned by Investments.

BVF Partners L.P.

By: BVF Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ MARK N. LAMPERT

December 26, 2002

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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1. Biotechnology Value Fund, L.P.
227 West Monroe Street, Suite 4800
Chicago, Illinois 60606
BIOTECHNOLOGY VALUE FUND, L.P.
By: BVF Partners L.P., its general partner
By: BVF Inc., its general partner
By: /s/ MARK N. LAMPERT

**Signature of Reporting Person
Authorized Signatory
December 26, 2002

Date
2. Biotechnology Value Fund II, L.P.
227 West Monroe Street, Suite 4800
Chicago, Illinois 60606
BIOTECHNOLOGY VALUE FUND II, L.P.
By: BVF Partners L.P., its general partner
By: BVF Inc., its general partner
By: /s/ MARK N. LAMPERT

**Signature of Reporting Person
Authorized Signatory
December 26, 2002

Date
3. BVF Investments, L.L.C.
227 West Monroe Street, Suite 4800
Chicago, Illinois 60606
BVF INVESTMENTS, L.L.C.
By: BVF Partners L.P., its manager
By: BVF Inc., its general partner
By: /s/ MARK N. LAMPERT

**Signature of Reporting Person
Authorized Signatory
December 26, 2002

Date
4. BVF Inc.
One Sansome Street, 31st Floor
San Francisco, California 94104
BVF INC.
By: /s/ MARK N. LAMPERT

**Signature of Reporting Person
Authorized Signatory
December 26, 2002

Date
5. Mark N. Lampert
One Sansome Street, 31st Floor
San Francisco, California 94104
By: /s/ MARK N. LAMPERT

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