

AVI BIOPHARMA INC  
Form 8-K  
June 09, 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): June 9, 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)
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- .. 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 8.01 Other Events.**

On June 9, 2011, the Company issued a press release providing an update on the initiation of the Phase 2 clinical trial of eteplirsen, the Company's lead systemically administered drug candidate for the treatment of a substantial subgroup of patients with Duchenne muscular dystrophy. 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.**

| <b>Exhibit Number</b> | <b>Description</b>                |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 99.1                  | Press release dated June 9, 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/ Christopher Garabedian  
Christopher Garabedian  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: June 9, 2011

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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