

SYNERGY PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Form 8-K

October 24, 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): **October 24, 2011**

Synergy Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Florida
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization)

333-131722
(Commission
File Number)

20-3823853
IRS Employer
Identification No.)

420 Lexington Avenue, Suite 1609

New York, NY 10170

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(212) 297-0020**

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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On October 24, 2011, Synergy Pharmaceuticals, Inc. issued a press release announcing the initiation of dosing of patients in its Phase II/III clinical trial of plecanatide to treat chronic constipation.

The information disclosed under this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1 hereto, is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), nor shall it be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, (the Securities Act) except as expressly set forth in such filing.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release of Synergy Pharmaceuticals, Inc. dated October 24, 2011.

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.

Dated: October 24, 2011

SYNERGY PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: /s/ Gary S. Jacob
Gary S. Jacob, Ph.D.
President and Chief Executive Officer