

BIOCRYST PHARMACEUTICALS INC
Form SC 13D
November 06, 2015

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No.)*

BioCryst Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 Per Share

(Title of Class of Securities)

09058V103

(CUSIP number)

Alexandra A. Toohey

Chief Financial Officer

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Baker Bros. Advisors LP

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New York, NY 10065

(212) 339-5600

(Name, address and telephone number of person authorized to receive notices and communications)

Not Applicable

(Date of event which requires filing of this statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1(e), 13d-1(f) or 13d-1(g), check the following box. ☒

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*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

1.

Baker Bros. Advisors LP

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

(a) "

2.

(b) "

SEC USE ONLY

3.

SOURCE OF FUNDS*

4.

OO

CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) or 2(e) "

5.

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6.

Delaware

NUMBER OF
SHARES

SOLE VOTING POWER 14,307,779 (1)

BENEFICIALLY 7.

OWNED BY EACH
REPORTING

PERSON WITH 8. SHARED VOTING POWER: 0

9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER: 14,307,779 (1)

10.SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER: 0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON:

11.
14,307,779(1)

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12.

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

13.
19.5% (1)(2)

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

14.
IA, PN

(1) Includes 90,000 shares of the Issuer's common stock underlying options.

(2) Based on 73,239,379 shares of common stock outstanding as of July 31, 2015, as reported in the Issuer's Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on August 7, 2015.

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

1.

Baker Bros. Advisors (GP) LLC

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TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (See Instructions)

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

1.

Julian C. Baker

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

6.

United States

7. SOLE VOTING POWER: 14,331,238
(1)

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH
REPORTING PERSON WITH

8. SHARED VOTING POWER: 0

9.

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER:
14,331,238 (1)

10.SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER: 0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON:

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NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS

1.

Felix J. Baker

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Schedule 13D

The class of equity security to which this statement on Schedule 13D relates is the common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock") of BioCryst Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the state of Delaware (the "Issuer"). The address of the principal executive offices of the Issuer is 4505 Emperor Blvd., Ste. 200, Durham, North Carolina 27703. Information given in response to each item shall be deemed incorporated by reference in all other items, as applicable.

ITEM 2. Identity and Background.

(a) The Reporting Persons are:

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| 1. | Baker Bros. Advisors LP (the "Adviser") |
| 2. | Baker Bros. Advisors (GP) LLC (the "Adviser GP") |
| 3. | Felix J. Baker |
| 4. | Julian C. Baker |

(b) The business address of each of the Reporting Persons is:

c/o Baker Bros. Advisors LP

667 Madison Avenue, 21st Floor

New York, NY 10065

(212) 339-5690

(c) The Adviser is an entity engaged in investment activities, and the Adviser GP is in the business of acting as its general partner and, through the Adviser, investment activities. The principal business of each of Julian C. Baker and Felix J. Baker is to serve as a managing member of the Adviser GP.

(d) and (e) During the past five years, none of the Reporting Persons nor any of the Funds (as defined below) has been (i) convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) or (ii) a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

(f) The Adviser GP is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the State of Delaware. The Adviser is a limited partnership organized under the laws of the State of Delaware. The citizenship of each of Julian C. Baker and Felix J. Baker is the United States of America.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

The disclosure in Item 4 below is incorporated herein by reference. The securities of the Issuer purchased by the Funds (as defined below) reported herein were purchased with working capital both in open market transactions directly with a broker dealer and in private transactions directly with the Issuer. The aggregate purchase price of the securities of the Issuer directly held by the Funds reported herein was approximately \$127,111,191.

Item 4. Purpose of the Transaction.

667, L.P. (“667”) and Baker Brothers Life Sciences, L.P. (“Life Sciences”, and together with 667, the “Funds”) hold securities of the Issuer previously purchased in private transactions directly with the Issuer and previously purchased in open market transactions directly with a broker dealer. All securities were purchased using the working capital of the Funds. Julian C. Baker and Felix J. Baker each directly hold 23,459 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer received as part of a pro-rata distribution from 14159, L.P. for no consideration on January 28, 2015. On September 23, 2015, Stephen R. Biggar, an employee of the Adviser and former director of the Issuer, exercised options to purchase 5,833 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer that were granted to Mr. Biggar during his previous service on the Board of Directors of the Issuer (the “Board”). Mr. Biggar previously served on the Board as a representative of the Funds. The policy of the Funds and the Adviser does not permit employees of the Adviser to receive compensation for serving as a Director of the Issuer. Therefore, Mr. Biggar has no pecuniary interest in any options to purchase Common Stock or shares of Common Stock directly held by him. The Funds are instead entitled to the pecuniary interest in any options to purchase Common Stock and shares of Common Stock received as director compensation. As of the date of the filing of this Schedule 13D, Mr. Biggar also directly holds options to purchase 90,000 shares of Common Stock of the Issuer that were granted to him during his service on the Board.

The information in Item 5(c) is incorporated by reference herein.

The Funds hold securities of the Issuer for investment purposes. The Reporting Persons or their affiliates may purchase additional securities or dispose of securities in varying amounts and at varying times depending upon the Reporting Persons’ continuing assessments of pertinent factors, including the availability of shares of Common Stock or other securities for purchase at particular price levels, the business prospects of the Issuer, other business investment opportunities, economic conditions, stock market conditions, money market conditions, the attitudes and actions of the board of directors and management of the Issuer, the availability and nature of opportunities to dispose of shares of the Issuer and other plans and requirements of the particular entities. The Reporting Persons may discuss items of mutual interest with the Issuer, which could include items in subparagraphs (a) through (j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D.

Depending upon their assessments of the above factors, the Reporting Persons or their affiliates may change their present intentions as stated above and they may assess whether to make suggestions to the management of the Issuer regarding financing, and whether to acquire additional securities of the Issuer, including shares of Common Stock (by means of open market purchases, privately negotiated purchases, or otherwise) or to dispose of some or all of the securities of the Issuer, including shares of Common Stock, under their control.

Except as otherwise disclosed herein, at the present time, the Reporting Persons do not have any plans or proposals with respect to any extraordinary corporate transaction involving the Issuer including, without limitation, those

matters described in subparagraphs (a) through (j) of Item 4 of Schedule 13D.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

(a) and (b) Items 7 through 11 and 13 of each of the cover pages of this Schedule 13D are incorporated herein by reference. Set forth below is the aggregate number and percentage of shares of Common Stock directly held, as of the date hereof, by each of the following based upon 73,239,379 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of July 31, 2015, as reported in the Issuer's Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on August 7, 2015. Such percentage figures were calculated in accordance with Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Holder	Number of Shares of Common Stock we own or have the right to acquire within 60 days	Percent of Class Outstanding	
667, L.P.	2,116,294	2.9	%
Baker Brothers Life Sciences, L.P.	12,095,652	16.5	%
Total	14,211,946	19.4	%

The Adviser GP, Felix J. Baker and Julian C. Baker as principals of the Adviser GP, and the Adviser may be deemed to be beneficial owners of securities of the Issuer directly held by the Funds, and may be deemed to have the power to vote or direct the vote of and the power to dispose or direct the disposition of such securities.

The Reporting Persons disclaim beneficial ownership of the securities of the Issuer held by each of the Funds, and this Schedule 13D shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Persons are the beneficial owners of such securities for purposes of Section 13(d) or for any other purpose, except to the extent that any such Reporting Persons actually exercises voting or dispositive power with respect to such securities.

Pursuant to management agreements, as amended, among the Adviser, the Funds, and their respective general partners, the Adviser has complete and unlimited discretion and authority with respect to the Funds' investments and voting power over investments.

(c) The information set forth in Item 4 is hereby incorporated by reference into this Item 5(c). The following transactions in the Issuer's Common Stock were effected by the Funds noted below during the 60 days preceding the filing of this statement using working capital of the applicable purchasing Fund. All purchase transactions were effected in the open market directly with a broker-dealer. Except as disclosed herein, none of the Reporting Persons or their affiliates has effected any other transactions in securities of the Issuer during the past 60 days.

Name	Date	Number of Shares	Transaction	Price per Share	Footnotes
667, L.P.	9/28/2015	8,554	Purchase	11.2755	1
Baker Brothers Life Sciences, L.P.	9/28/2015	85,561	Purchase	11.2755	1
667, L.P.	9/28/2015	11,294	Purchase	10.8568	2
Baker Brothers Life Sciences, L.P.	9/28/2015	112,973	Purchase	10.8568	2
667, L.P.	9/28/2015	3,012	Purchase	11.0278	3
Baker Brothers Life Sciences, L.P.	9/28/2015	30,123	Purchase	11.0278	3
667, L.P.	9/28/2015	2,860	Purchase	10.8908	4
Baker Brothers Life Sciences, L.P.	9/28/2015	28,610	Purchase	10.8908	4
Baker Brothers Life Sciences, L.P.	9/29/2015	300,000	Purchase	11.3460	5
Baker Brothers Life Sciences, L.P.	9/29/2015	3,260	Purchase	11.4228	6

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Baker Brothers Life Sciences, L.P.	9/30/2015	40,800	Purchase	11.2905	7
Baker Brothers Life Sciences, L.P.	9/30/2015	200,000	Purchase	11.3226	8
Baker Brothers Life Sciences, L.P.	10/1/2015	73,400	Purchase	11.2966	9
Baker Brothers Life Sciences, L.P.	10/2/2015	29,600	Purchase	11.7360	10
Baker Brothers Life Sciences, L.P.	10/5/2015	4,600	Purchase	12.1735	11

(1) The reported price is a weighted average price. These shares were traded in multiple transactions at a prices ranging from \$10.76 to \$11.46. The Reporting Persons undertake to provide the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Staff"), upon request, full information regarding the number of shares traded at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.

(2) The reported price is a weighted average price. These shares were traded in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$10.66 to \$11.00. The Reporting Persons undertake to provide the Staff, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares traded at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.

(3) The reported price is a weighted average price. These shares were traded in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$10.99 to \$11.05. The Reporting Persons undertake to provide the Staff, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares traded at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.

(4) The reported price is a weighted average price. These shares were traded in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$10.79 to \$11.00. The Reporting Persons undertake to provide the Staff, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares traded at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.

(5) The reported price is a weighted average price. These shares were traded in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$10.94 to \$11.75. The Reporting Persons undertake to provide the Staff, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares traded at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.

(6) The reported price is a weighted average price. These shares were traded in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$11.37 to \$11.48. The Reporting Persons undertake to provide the Staff, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares traded at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.

(7) The reported price is a weighted average price. These shares were traded in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$11.29 to \$11.33. The Reporting Persons undertake to provide the Staff, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares traded at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.

(8) The reported price is a weighted average price. These shares were traded in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$11.00 to \$11.50. The Reporting Persons undertake to provide the Staff, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares traded at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.

(9) The reported price is a weighted average price. These shares were traded in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$11.24 to \$11.30. The Reporting Persons undertake to provide the Staff, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares traded at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.

(10) The reported price is a weighted average price. These shares were traded in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$11.68 to \$11.75. The Reporting Persons undertake to provide the Staff, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares traded at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.

(11) The reported price is a weighted average price. These shares were traded in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$12.12 to \$12.20. The Reporting Persons undertake to provide the Staff, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares traded at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote.

(d) Certain securities of the Issuer are held directly by 667, a limited partnership the sole general partner of which is Baker Biotech Capital, L.P., a limited partnership the sole general partner of which is Baker Biotech Capital (GP), LLC. Julian C. Baker and Felix J. Baker are the controlling members of Baker Biotech Capital (GP), LLC.

Certain securities of the Issuer are held directly by Life Sciences, a limited partnership the sole general partner of which is Baker Brothers Life Sciences Capital, L.P., a limited partnership the sole general partner of which is Baker Brothers Life Sciences Capital (GP), LLC. Julian C. Baker and Felix J. Baker are the controlling members of Baker Brothers Life Sciences Capital (GP), LLC.

(e) Not applicable.

ITEM 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships With Respect to Securities of the Issuer.

The information in Item 4 is incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 7. Material to Be Filed as Exhibits

Exhibit Description

99.1 Agreement Regarding the Joint Filing of Schedule 13D by and among the Reporting Persons.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: November 6, 2015

**BAKER BROS.
ADVISORS LP**

By: Baker Bros. Advisors
(GP) LLC, its general
partner

By: /s/ Scott L. Lessing
Name: Scott L. Lessing
Title: President

**BAKER BROS.
ADVISORS (GP) LLC**

By: /s/ Scott L. Lessing
Name: Scott L. Lessing
Title: President

/s/ Julian C. Baker
Julian C. Baker

/s/ Felix J. Baker
Felix J. Baker