ALKERMES INC Form SC 13G/A January 11, 2008

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G (Amendment No. 1)

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Alkermes, Inc. (Name of Issuer)

<u>Common Stock, \$0.01 par value</u> (Title of Class of Securities)

> 01642T108 (CUSIP Number)

January 1, 2008
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the following box to designate the rule pursuant to which the Schedule is filed:

- o Rule 13d-1(b)
- x Rule 13d-1(c)
- o Rule 13d-1(d)

The information required in 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).

^{*}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 the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

1.	Names of Reporting Persons I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only) D. E. Shaw Composite Portfolios, L.L.C. 13-4152438		
2.		ite Box if a Memb	er of a Group (See Instructions)
	(a) (b)	0	
	(b)	О	
3.	SEC Use Only		
4.	Citizenship or Place of Delaware	of Organization	
Number of Shares	5.		Sole Voting Power
Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With			-0-
	6.		Shared Voting Power -()-
	7.		Sole Dispositive Power -0-
	8.		Shared Dispositive Power -()-
9.	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person -0-		
10.	Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) o		
11.	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 0.0%		
12.	Type of Reporting Pe OO	erson (See Instruc	tions)

1.	Names of Reporting Persons I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only) D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. 13-4046559		
2.	Check the Appropria	te Box if a Memb	er of a Group (See Instructions)
	(a)	O	
	(b)	O	
3.	SEC Use Only		
4.	Citizenship or Place of Delaware	of Organization	
Number of Shares Beneficially	5.		Sole Voting Power
Owned by Each Reporting Person With			-0-
	6.		Shared Voting Power 5,246,671
	7.		Sole Dispositive Power()-
	8.		Shared Dispositive Power 5,246,671
9.	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 5,246,671		
10.	Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) o		
11.	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 5.2%		
12.	Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) OO		

1.	Names of Reporting Persons I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only) D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C. 13-3799946		
2.	Check the Appropri	ate Box if a Mem	ber of a Group (See Instructions)
	(a)	0	
	(b)	O	
3.	SEC Use Only		
4.	Citizenship or Place Delaware	of Organization	
Number of Shares	5.		Sole Voting Power
Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With			-0-
	6.		Shared Voting Power -0-
	7.		Sole Dispositive Power -0-
	8.		Shared Dispositive Power -0-
9.	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person -0-		
10.	Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) o		
11.	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 0.0%		
12.	Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) OO		

1.	Names of Reporting Persons I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only) D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P. 13-3695715		
2.	Check the Appropria	ite Box if a Membe	er of a Group (See Instructions)
	(a)	O	
	(b)	O	
3.	SEC Use Only		
4.	Citizenship or Place ODelaware	of Organization	
Number of Shares	5.		Sole Voting Power
Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With			-0-
	6.		Shared Voting Power 5,248,971
	7.		Sole Dispositive Power -0-
	8.		Shared Dispositive Power 5,248,971
9.	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 5,248,971		
10.	Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) o		
11.	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 5.2%		
12.	Type of Reporting Pe IA, PN	erson (See Instruct	tions)

1.	I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only) David E. Shaw			
2.	Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)			
	(a)	O		
	(b)	О		
3.	SEC Use Only			
4.	Citizenship or Place United States	e of Organization		
Number of Shares	5.		Sole Voting Power	
Beneficially Owned by			-0-	
Each			-0-	
Reporting Person With				
	6.		Shared Voting Power	
			5,248,971	
	7.		Sole Dispositive Power -0-	
	8.		Shared Dispositive Power 5,248,971	
9.	Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person 5,248,971			
10.	Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares (See Instructions) o			
11.	Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 5.2%			
12.	Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) IN			

Item 1.

(a) Name of Issuer:

Alkermes, Inc.

(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

88 Sidney Street Cambridge, MA 02139

Item 2.

(a) Name of Person Filing:

- D. E. Shaw Composite Portfolios, L.L.C.
- D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C.
- D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.
- D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.

David E. Shaw

(b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence:

The business address for each reporting person is:

120 W. 45th Street, Tower 45, 39th Floor

New York, NY 10036

(c) Citizenship:

- D. E. Shaw Composite Portfolios, L.L.C. is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the state of Delaware.
- D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the state of Delaware.
- D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C. is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the state of Delaware.
- D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P. is a limited partnership organized under the laws of the state of Delaware.

David E. Shaw is a citizen of the United States of America.

(d) Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock, \$0.01 par value

(e) CUSIP Number:

01642T108

Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b) or 13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

Not Applicable

Item 4. Ownership

As of January 3, 2008:

(a) Amount beneficially owned:

D. E. Shaw Composite Portfolios, L.L.C.: -0- shares

D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C.: 5,246,671 shares

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.: -0- shares

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.: 5,248,971 shares

This is composed of (i) 5,246,671 shares in the name of D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. and (ii) 2,300 shares under the management of D. E. Shaw Investment Management, L.L.C.

David E. Shaw: 5,248,971 shares

This is composed of (i) 5,246,671 shares in the name of D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. and (ii) 2,300 shares under the management of D. E. Shaw Investment Management, L.L.C.

(b) Percent of class:

Item 5.

D. E. Shaw Composite Portfolios, L.L.C.:	0.0%
D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C.:	5.2%
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.:	0.0%
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.:	5.2%
David E. Shaw:	5.2%

(c) Number of shares to which the person has:

(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:

D. E. Shaw Composite Portfolios, L.L.C.:	-0- shares
D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C.:	-0- shares
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.:	-0- shares
D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.:	-0- shares
David E. Shaw:	-0- shares

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the

vote:

D. E. Shaw Composite Portfolios, L.L.C.: -0- shares

D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C.: 5,246,671 shares

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.: -0- shares

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.: 5,248,971 shares David E. Shaw: 5,248,971 shares

Sole power to dispose or to direct the

disposition of:

D. E. Shaw Composite Portfolios, L.L.C.:

D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C.:

-0- shares

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.:

-0- shares

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.:

-0- shares

-0- shares

-0- shares

Shared power to dispose or to direct the

disposition of:

D. E. Shaw Composite Portfolios, L.L.C.:

D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C.: 5,246,671 shares

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.: -0- shares

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.: 5,248,971 shares David E. Shaw: 5,248,971 shares

David E. Shaw does not own any shares directly. By virtue of David E. Shaw's position as President and sole shareholder of D. E. Shaw & Co., Inc., which is the general partner of D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P., which in turn is the managing member and investment adviser of D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C. and the managing member of D. E. Shaw Investment Management, L.L.C., David E. Shaw may be deemed to have the shared power to vote or direct the vote of, and the shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of, the 5,248,971 shares as described above constituting 5.2% of the outstanding shares and, therefore, David E. Shaw may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of such shares. David E. Shaw disclaims beneficial ownership of such 5,248,971 shares.

Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than 5 percent of the class of securities, check the following [x].

As of the date hereof, D. E. Shaw Composite Portfolios, L.L.C. and D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C. have ceased to be the beneficial owners of more than 5 percent of the class of securities.

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person

Not Applicable

Item Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on Bythe Parent Holding Company or Control Person

Not Applicable

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

Not Applicable

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not Applicable

Item 10. Certification

By signing below, each of D. E. Shaw Composite Portfolios, L.L.C., D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C., D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C., D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P., and David E. Shaw certify that, to the best of such reporting person's knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of their knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct. Powers of Attorney, dated October 24, 2007, granted by David E. Shaw in favor of Anne Dinning, are attached hereto.

Dated: January 11, 2008

D. E. Shaw Composite Portfolios, L.L.C.

By: D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C., as

managing member

By: /s/ Rochelle Elias

Rochelle Elias

Chief Compliance Officer

D. E. Shaw Valence Portfolios, L.L.C.

By: D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P., as

managing member

By: /s/ Rochelle Elias

Rochelle Elias

Chief Compliance Officer

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.L.C.

By: /s/ Rochelle Elias

Rochelle Elias

Chief Compliance Officer

D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.

By: /s/ Rochelle Elias

Rochelle Elias

Chief Compliance Officer

David E. Shaw

By:	/s/ Rochelle Elias
	Rochelle Elias Attorney-in-Fact for David E. Shaw