ALTEON INC /DE Form 8-K February 25, 2005

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 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): February 24, 2005

ALTEON INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-16043 (Commission File Number) 13-3304550 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

6 Campus Drive
Parsippany, New Jersey 07054
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (201) 934-5000

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):

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

On February 24, 2005, Alteon Inc. issued a press release announcing that it has temporarily suspended enrollment of patients in its ongoing clinical trials of alagebrium pending additional preclinical data and discussions with the Food and Drug Administration.

The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

- (c) Exhibit.
 - 99.1 Press Release dated February 24, 2005.

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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.

ALTEON INC.

Dated: February 24, 2005 By: /s/ ELIZABETH A. O DELL

Elizabeth A. O Dell Vice President, Finance

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number Description

99.1 Press Release dated February 24, 2005.