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AVANT IMMUNOTHERAPEUTICS INC
Form 8-K
October 22, 2003

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):
October 22, 2003

AVANT IMMUNOTHERAPEUTICS, INC.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

Delaware	0-15006	13-3191702
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission file number)	(IRS employer identification no.)

119 Fourth Avenue
Needham, Massachusetts 02494
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:
(781) 433-0771

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 The Company's Press Release dated October 22, 2003.

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE.

The following information is furnished under Item 12 of Form 8-K "Results of Operations and Financial Condition". This information is being furnished and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document pursuant to

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the Securities Act of 1933 as amended.

On October 22, 2003, the Company issued a press release which is attached to this Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

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.

AVANT IMMUNOTHERAPEUTICS, INC.

Date: October 22, 2003

By: /s/ Avery W. Catlin

Avery W. Catlin
Senior Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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