

ALERE INC.  
Form 8-K  
July 16, 2010

**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): July 16, 2010**

**Alere Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**001-16789**

(Commission file number)

**04-3565120**

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**51 Sawyer Road, Suite 200, Waltham, Massachusetts 02453**

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(781) 647-3900**

**Inverness Medical Innovations, Inc.**

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

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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.142-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - 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**

Alere Inc. (the Company) is filing this Current Report on Form 8-K to provide the legal opinion of Jay McNamara, Esq., the Company's Senior Counsel, Corporate & Finance, relating to the Company's prospectus supplement filed with the SEC on June 30, 2010 (File No. 333-158542).

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) *Exhibits.*

**Exhibit No.    Description**

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| 5.1  | Opinion of Jay McNamara, Esq., Senior Counsel, Corporate & Finance, of the Company                              |
| 23.1 | Consent of Jay McNamara, Esq., Senior Counsel, Corporate & Finance, of the Company<br>(included in Exhibit 5.1) |

\* furnished  
herewith

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**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.

Alere, Inc.

BY: /s/ Jay McNamara

Jay McNamara

Senior Counsel    Corporate & Finance

Dated: July 16, 2010