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INVERNESS MEDICAL INNOVATIONS INC

Form 8-K December 31, 2001

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): December 21, 2001

INVERNESS MEDICAL INNOVATIONS, INC.

Delaware	001-16789	04-3565120
State or other jurisdiction of incorporation	Commission File Number	IRS Employer Identification No.
51 Sawyer Road, Suite 200, Waltham,	MA	02453
(Address of principal executive off	ices)	(Zip Code)
Registrant's telephone number, incl	uding area code: (781) 64	7-3900

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Not Applicable

Item 5. Other Events.

On December 21, 2001, Inverness Medical Innovations, Inc. (the "Company") and IVC Industries, Inc. ("IVC") announced in a joint press release that they had entered into a definitive Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement") in which the Company has agreed to acquire IVC. A copy of the press release announcing the signing of the Merger Agreement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

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Item 7. Financial Statement and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

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99.1 Press Release dated December 21, 2001, entitled "Inverness Medical Innovations, Inc. Agrees to Acquire IVC Industries, Inc."

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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, thereunto duly authorized.

INVERNESS MEDICAL INNOVATIONS, INC.

Dated: December 31, 2001 By: /s/ Ron Zwanziger

Ron Zwanziger President and Chief Executive Officer

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