SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

SCHEDULE 13G (Rule 13d-102)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13d-1(b) (c) AND (d) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO 13d-2(b)

(Amendment No. 1)¹

Flamel Technologies, S.A.

(Name of Issuer)

		Common Stock	
	-	(Title of Class of Securities)	
	338488 10 9		
	_	(CUSIP Number)	
		February 14, 2003	
	_	(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)	
Check th	ne appropriate box to des	signate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:	
	o Rule 13d-1(b) ⊠ Rule 13d-1(c) o Rule 13d-1(d)		
		r page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the su taining information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.	bject class of securities, and for
		n the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (ho	
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1	NAME OF REPORT Biotechnology Value I.R.S. IDENTIFICAT		
2	CHECK THE APPR	OPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*	(a) ⊠ (b) o
3	SEC USE ONLY		
4	CITIZENSHIP OR P	PLACE OF ORGANIZATION	
	Delaware		
	NUMBER OF SHARES	5 SOLE VOTING POWER 0	
E	BENEFICIALLY	6 SHARED VOTING POWER	

	OWNED		849,000		
	BY = EACH REPORTING	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0		
	PERSON - WITH:	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 849,000		
9	AGGREGATE AMOUN	Г ВЕΝЕ	FICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON		
	849,000				
10	CHECK IF THE AGGRE	EGATE A	AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*	0	
11	PERCENT OF CLASS R	EPRESI	ENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)		
	5.9%				
12	TYPE OF REPORTING	PERSO	1*		
	PN				
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1	1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON: Biotechnology Value Fund II, L.P. I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY):				
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) ⊠ (b) o				
3	SEC USE ONLY				
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE	E OF OF	GANIZATION		
	Delaware				
	NUMBER OF	7	SOLE VOTING POWER 0		
В	SHARES - ENEFICIALLY OWNED	6	SHARED VOTING POWER 1,780,000		
	BY - EACH REPORTING PERSON -	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0		
	WITH:	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 1,780,000		
9	AGGREGATE AMOUN	ΓBENE	FICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON		
	1,780,000				
10	CHECK IF THE AGGRE	EGATE A	AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*	0	
11	PERCENT OF CLASS R	EPRESI	ENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)		
	12.4%				
12	TYPE OF REPORTING	PERSO	J*		

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1 NAME OF REPORTIN BVF Investments, L.L I.R.S. IDENTIFICATIO		
2 CHECK THE APPROP	PRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*	(a) ⊠ (b) o
3 SEC USE ONLY		
4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLA Delaware	ACE OF ORGANIZATION	
NUMBER OF	5 SOLE VOTING POWER 0	
SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	6 SHARED VOTING POWER 57,000	
EACH REPORTING PERSON	7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0	
WITH:	8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 57,000	
9 AGGREGATE AMOU	UNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	
	GREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*	0
11 PERCENT OF CLASS	S REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)	
12 TYPE OF REPORTIN	NG PERSON*	
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1 NAME OF REPORTIN BVF Partners L.P. I.R.S. IDENTIFICATIO	IG PERSON: DN NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY):	
2 CHECK THE APPROP	PRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*	(a) ⊠ (b) o

4 CITIZENSHIP OR 1	PLACE OF OF	RGANIZATION	
Delaware			
NUMBER OF	5	SOLE VOTING POWER 0	
SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	6	SHARED VOTING POWER 2,825,000	
EACH REPORTING	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0	
PERSON WITH:	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 2,825,000	
9 AGGREGATE AM	MOUNT BENE	FICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	
2,825,000			
10 CHECK IF THE A	AGGREGATE .	AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*	C
11 PERCENT OF CL	ASS REPRES	ENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)	
19.6%			
12 TYPE OF REPOR	TING PERSO	N*	
PN			
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1 NAME OF REPORT BVF Inc. S.S. OR I.R.S. IDEN		NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY):	
2 CHECK THE APPR	ROPRIATE BC	X IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*	(a) 🗵 (b) (
3 SEC USE ONLY			
4 CITIZENSHIP OR I	PLACE OF OF	RGANIZATION	
Delaware			
NUMBER OF SHARES	5	SOLE VOTING POWER 0	
SHAKES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY	6	SHARED VOTING POWER 2,825,000	
EACH REPORTING PERSON	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0	
WITH:	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 2,825,000	
9 AGGREGATE AM	MOUNT BENE	FICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON	

2,825,000

10	CHECK IF THE AGGR	EGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*	C
11	PERCENT OF CLASS I	EPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)	
	19.6%		
12	TYPE OF REPORTING	PERSON*	
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ITEM 1(a). NAME OF ISSUER:		
Flame	el Technologies, S.A. ("Flan	nel")	
ITEM 1(b). ADDRESS OF ISSUER	'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES:	
33 A	: Club Du Moulin A Vent Avenue Du Docteur George 93 Venissieux Cedex ace	Levy	
ITEM 2(a). NAME OF PERSON F	LING:	
This A	Amendment to Schedule 13	G is being filed on behalf of the following persons* (the "Reporting Persons"):	
(i) (ii) (iii) (iv) (v)	BVF Investments, L.L. BVF Partners L.P. ("Partners L.P. ("Part	und II, L.P. ("BVF2") C. ("Investments")	
*		s a copy of an agreement among the Reporting Persons filing (as specified hereinabor filed on behalf of each of them.	ve) that this Amendment to
ITEM 2(b). ADDRESS OF PRINCI	PAL BUSINESS OFFICE:	
	rincipal business office of t , Chicago, Illinois, 60606.	ne Reporting Persons comprising the group filing this Amendment to Schedule 13G is	s located at 227 West Monroe Street,
ITEM 2(c). CITIZENSHIP:		
	BVF: BVF2: Investments: Partners: BVF Inc.:	a Delaware limi a Delaware limi a Delaware limi a Delaware limi a Delaware corp	ted partnership ted liability company ted partnership
ITEM 2(d). TITLE OF CLASS OF	SECURITIES:	
Comr	non Stock.		
ITEM 2(e). CUSIP Number:		
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ITEM 3. I	F THIS STATEMENT IS	FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c) CHECK WHETHE	R THE PERSON FILING IS: One

Not applicable as this Amendment to Schedule 13G is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c).

ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP:

The information in items 1 and 5 through 11 on the cover pages (pp. 2 - 6) on this Amendment to Schedule 13G is hereby incorporated by reference.

ITEM 5. 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 Persons have ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities check the following, o

ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON:

BVF shares voting and dispositive power over the shares of the common stock it beneficially owns with Partners. BVF2 also shares voting and dispositive power over the shares of the common stock it beneficially owns with Partners. Investments also shares voting and dispositive power over the shares of the common stock it beneficially owns with Partners. Pursuant to the operating agreement of Investments, Partners is authorized, among other things, to invest the funds of Ziff Asset Management, L.P., the majority member of Investments, in shares of the common stock Investments beneficially owns and to vote and exercise dispositive power over those shares of common stock. Partners and BVF Inc. share voting and dispositive power over the shares of the common stock they beneficially own with, in addition to BVF, BVF2 and Investments, a managed account on whose behalf Partners, as investment manager, purchased such shares. The managed account does not own more than 5% of the common stock of Flamel.

ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY:

Not applicable.

ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF A GROUP:

Not applicable.

ITEM 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP:

Not applicable.

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ITEM 10. CERTIFICATION

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my 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 that purpose or effect.

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 12, 2003

BIOTECHNOLOGY VALUE FUND, L.P.

By: BVF Partners L.P., its general partner

By: BVF Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ MARK N. LAMPERT

Mark N. Lampert President

BIOTECHNOLOGY VALUE FUND II, L.P.

By: BVF Partners L.P., its general partner

By: BVF Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ MARK N. LAMPERT

Mark N. Lampert President

BVF INVESTMENTS, L.L.C.

By: BVF Partners L.P., its manager

By: BVF Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ MARK N. LAMPERT

Mark N. Lampert President

BVF PARTNERS L.P.

By: BVF Partners L.P., its general partner

By: /s/ MARK N. LAMPERT

Mark N. Lampert President

BVF INC.

By: /s/ MARK N. LAMPERT

Mark N. Lampert President

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SCHEDULE 13G/A

AGREEMENT REGARDING JOINT FILING

The undersigned, Biotechnology Value Fund, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, Biotechnology Value Fund II, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, BVF Investments, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company, BVF Partners L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, and BVF Inc., a Delaware corporation, hereby agree and acknowledge that the information required by Amendment to Schedule 13G, to which this Agreement is attached as an exhibit, is filed on behalf of each of them. The undersigned further agree that any amendments or supplements thereto shall also be filed on behalf of each of them.

Dated: February 12, 2003

BIOTECHNOLOGY VALUE FUND, L.P.

By: BVF Partners L.P., its general partner

By: BVF Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ MARK N. LAMPERT

Mark N. Lampert President

BIOTECHNOLOGY VALUE FUND II, L.P.

By: BVF Partners L.P., its general partner

By: BVF Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ MARK N. LAMPERT

Mark N. Lampert President

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By: BVF Partners L.P., its manager

By: BVF Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ MARK N. LAMPERT

Mark N. Lampert President

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Mark N. Lampert President

BVF INC.

By: /s/ MARK N. LAMPERT

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