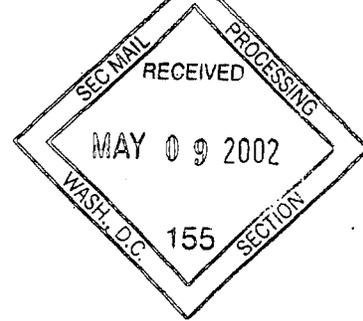




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FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

Report of Foreign Private Issuer

Pursuant to Rule 13a - 16 or 15d - 16 of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the month of April 2002

VERNALIS GROUP PLC  
(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Oakdene Court  
613 Reading Road  
Winnersh  
Wokingham, Berkshire RG41 5UA  
United Kingdom

(Address of principal executive offices)

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(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F).

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(Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934).

Yes  No

(If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 82-\_\_\_\_\_).

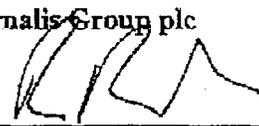
Enclosure: Notification of Major Interest in Shares dated April 30, 2002 announcing the purchase of securities by a substantial shareholder.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant, Vernalis Group plc, has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 8, 2002

Vernalis Group plc

By:  \_\_\_\_\_

Richard Robinski  
Company Secretary

**SCHEDULE 10**

**NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES**

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