SPECTOR STEVEN W

Form 4

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C/O ARENA

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SPECTOR STEVEN W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol ARENA PHARMACEUTICALS

INC [ARNA]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title

(Month/Day/Year)

12/13/2012

Other (specify below) EVP, General Counsel & Sec

(Check all applicable)

PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 6154

(Street)

NANCY RIDGE DRIVE

4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Instr. 8)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Owned Indirect (I) Ownership Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

D

Reported (A) Transaction(s)

Code V Amount (D)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Price

Common 12/13/2012 Stock

30,000 \$ 0 69,943 ⁽²⁾ Α (1)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Month/Day/Year)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.87	12/13/2012		A	100,000		(3)	12/13/2019	Common Stock	100,00

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer

SPECTOR STEVEN W C/O ARENA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 6154 NANCY RIDGE DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

EVP, General Counsel & Sec

Other

Signatures

Adam S. Chinnock, as

Attorney-in-Fact 12/17/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The amount represents restricted stock units that vest in four equal annual installments beginning on December 13, 2013.
- (2) The amount includes shares purchased under Arena's employee stock purchase plan prior to the reported transaction.
- (3) The options vest in four equal annual installments beginning on December 13, 2013, and are exercisable once vested.

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