

ARENA PHARMACEUTICALS INC

Form 8-K

August 28, 2013

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): August 28, 2013

Arena Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

000-31161
(Commission File Number)

23-2908305
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

6154 Nancy Ridge Drive, San Diego, California 92121

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

858.453.7200

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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

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In this report, Arena Pharmaceuticals, Arena, Company, we, us and our refer to Arena Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and our wholly owned subsidiaries, unless the context otherwise provides. Arena Pharmaceuticals® and Arena® are registered service marks of Arena Pharmaceuticals, Inc. BELVIQ® is a registered trademark of Arena Pharmaceuticals GmbH.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On August 28, 2013, we announced the completion of a Phase 1b clinical trial for APD811, an investigational oral prostacyclin, or IP, receptor agonist intended for the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension, or PAH. We plan to initiate a Phase 2 clinical trial for APD811 in the first quarter of 2014.

This randomized, double-blind and placebo-controlled Phase 1b clinical trial evaluated the safety, tolerability and pharmacokinetics of multiple-ascending doses of APD811. We previously evaluated single-ascending doses of APD811 in a Phase 1a clinical trial.

In the Phase 1b clinical trial, 40 healthy volunteers received APD811 and 15 received placebo, and the safety profile of APD811 was characteristic of IP receptor agonists. No serious adverse events were observed, and the most frequent treatment-emergent adverse events were headache, nausea and jaw pain. The results of the Phase 1 program led to the decision to proceed with Phase 2 development of APD811, which will include further exploration of dosing regimens in PAH patients.

Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements in this Form 8-K are forward-looking statements that involve a number of risks and uncertainties. Such forward-looking statements include statements about the advancement, therapeutic indication, safety, efficacy, mechanism of action and potential of APD811; and the initiation of a Phase 2 clinical trial for APD811 and the further exploration of dosing regimens. For such statements, we claim the protection of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Actual events or results may differ materially from our expectations. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, the following: APD811 may not be sufficient for further development or regulatory review or approval; risks related to commercializing drugs, including regulatory, manufacturing and supply issues and the availability and use of BELVIQ; cash and revenues generated from BELVIQ, including the impact of competition; our revenues will be based in part on estimates, judgment and accounting policies, and incorrect estimates or disagreement regarding estimates or accounting policies may result in changes to our guidance or previously reported results; the timing and outcome of regulatory review is uncertain, and BELVIQ may not be approved for marketing when expected or ever in combination with another drug, for another indication or using a different formulation or in any other territory for any indication; regulatory decisions in one territory may impact other regulatory decisions and our business prospects; government and commercial reimbursement and pricing decisions; risks related to relying on collaborative arrangements; the timing and receipt of payments and fees, if any, from collaborators; the entry into or modification or termination of collaborative arrangements; unexpected or unfavorable new data; nonclinical and clinical data is voluminous and detailed, and regulatory agencies may interpret or weigh the importance of data differently and reach different conclusions than us or others, request additional information, have additional recommendations or change their guidance or requirements before or after approval; data and other information related to any of our research and development may not meet regulatory requirements or otherwise be sufficient for further research and development, regulatory review or approval or continued marketing; our ability to obtain and defend patents; the timing, success and cost of our research and development; results of clinical trials and other studies are subject to different interpretations and may not be predictive of future results; clinical trials and other studies may not proceed at the time or in the manner expected or at all; having adequate funds; and satisfactory resolution of litigation or other

disagreements with others. Additional factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those stated or implied by our forward-looking statements are disclosed in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These forward-looking statements represent our judgment as of the time of the filing of this Form 8-K. We disclaim any intent or obligation to update these forward-looking statements, other than as may be required under applicable law.

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.

Date: August 28, 2013

Arena Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

By: /s/ Steven W. Spector
Steven W. Spector
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary