

ARENA PHARMACEUTICALS INC

Form 8-K

October 26, 2004

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): **October 26, 2004**

ARENA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

DELAWARE
(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

000-31161
(Commission File Number)

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

6166 Nancy Ridge Drive, San Diego, California 92121

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(858) 453-7200

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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

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- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

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 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On October 26, 2004, Arena Pharmaceuticals, Inc. issued a press release announcing that Arena has achieved a pre-clinical development milestone under their collaboration with Merck & Co., Inc., a New Jersey corporation, as a result of Merck selecting an Arena-discovered compound for advancement in pre-clinical development. The milestone achievement triggered a \$1 million payment to Arena. A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

99.1

Press release issued October 26, 2004, announcing that Arena has achieved a pre-clinical development milestone under their collaboration with Merck as a result of Merck selecting an Arena-discovered compound for advancement in pre-clinical development.

SIGNATURES

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: October 26, 2004

Arena Pharmaceuticals, Inc.,
a Delaware corporation

By: /s/ Jack Lief
Jack Lief
President & Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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