BIOTIME INC
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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): **January 3, 2012**

BioTime, Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California	**1-12830**	**94-3127919**
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1301 Harbor Bay Parkway
Alameda, California 94502
(Address of principal executive offices)

(510) 521-3390
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Section 8 - Other Events

Item 8.01 - Other Events.

BioTime, Inc. will market progenitors of muscle stem cells bearing hereditary diseases. BioTime will work with five human embryonic stem (hES) cell lines from Reproductive Genetics Institute (RGI) of Chicago, Illinois carrying genes for Duchenne muscular dystrophy, Emery-Dreifuss muscular dystrophy, spinal muscular atrophy Type I, facioscapulohumeral muscular dystrophy 1A, and Becker muscular dystrophy.

In the first quarter of this year, we will offer medical researchers normal muscle progenitors that we have already produced from our existing hES cell lines, and later in 2012 we plan to add to our product line the novel muscle progenitor cells produced from RGI cell lines bearing the five abovementioned muscle diseases. We will generate the stem cell research products using our proprietary ACTCellerate™ technology which yields highly purified and characterized progenitor cell types useful to the research community for applications such as drug screening, with the goal of discovering new therapies for these devastating diseases. The progenitor cells are relatively easy to manufacture on a large scale and in a highly purified state, which may make it advantageous to work with these cells as opposed to hES cells.

Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 - Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press release dated January 3, 2012

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.

BIOTIME, INC.

Date: January 3, 2012 By: /s/ Michael D. West
Chief Executive Officer

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99.1	Press release dated January 3, 2012