

ARENA PHARMACEUTICALS INC

Form 8-K

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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): December 5, 2017

Arena Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction

000-31161

23-2908305
(IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number) Identification No.)

6154 Nancy Ridge Drive,

San Diego, CA
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

92121
(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (858) 453-7200

Not Applicable

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

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

In this report, “Arena Pharmaceuticals,” “Arena,” “Company,” “we,” “us” and “our” refer to Arena Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and one or more of our wholly owned subsidiaries, unless the context otherwise provides. Arena Pharmaceuticals® and Arena® are registered service marks of Arena Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On December 5, 2017, we announced that we entered into a Collaboration and License Agreement (the “Agreement”) with Everest Medicines Limited (“Everest”).

Under the Agreement, we granted Everest an exclusive, royalty-bearing license to develop and commercialize two of our product candidates, ralinepag (in any formulation) and etrasimod (in oral formulations), in mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau and South Korea (the “Territories”).

Everest will be generally responsible for development and commercialization of the licensed products in the Territories, and may participate in the portion of our global clinical trials that is conducted in the Territories.

In addition to an upfront payment of \$12 million, Arena is eligible to receive development, regulatory and commercial milestone payments from Everest of up to \$212 million for both licensed products, as well as tiered royalties on net sales ranging from the high single digits to low double digits. Following an initial royalty term, we are eligible to receive a lower trademark royalty if Everest continues to use our licensed product-related trademarks.

Forward-Looking Statements

Statements in this report on Form 8-K that are not statements of historical fact are forward-looking statements, which involve a number of risks and uncertainties. Such forward-looking statements include, without limitation, statements about the development, manufacture and commercialization of the licensed products, and participation in clinical trials. Words such as “believe,” “plan,” “expect,” “intend,” “will,” “would,” “may,” “goal,” “potential” and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, though not all forward-looking statements necessarily contain these identifying words. 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, risks related to: research and development; regulatory approval; commercialization; competition; intellectual property; collaborating with third parties; and our financial and other resources. Additional factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those stated or implied by Arena’s 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 this report on Form 8-K. We disclaim any intent or obligation to update these forward-looking statements, other than as may be required under applicable law.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

Date: December 5, 2017 Arena Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

By: /s/ Amit D. Munshi
Amit D. Munshi
President and Chief Executive Officer