

ARENA PHARMACEUTICALS INC

Form 8-K

November 26, 2008

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): **November 21, 2008**

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.)

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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In this report, Arena Pharmaceuticals, Arena, we, us and our refer to Arena Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiaries, unless the context otherwise provides.

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On November 21, 2008, the Compensation Committee of our Board of Directors approved compensation for our non-employee directors. Effective as of January 1, 2009, each of our non-employee directors is eligible to receive the following compensation for their participation on our Board of Directors and its committees:

Equity:

- *New Directors:* 18,000 options to purchase shares of our common stock. The options are 10-year options with an exercise price equal to the fair market value of our common stock on the grant date, vesting in equal annual installments over two years. Fair market value on the grant date means the per share closing price of our common stock as reported on the NASDAQ Global Market on the grant date or if there was no reported closing price on such date, on the last preceding date on which the closing price was reported.
- *Ongoing Directors:* 12,000 options to purchase shares of our common stock. The options are 10-year options with an exercise price equal to the fair market value of our common stock on the grant date, vesting in equal monthly installments over one year.

New director grants are made on the 15th day of the month following the month of the director's appointment or election to our Board of Directors and the annual grants are made to ongoing directors three trading days after our announcement of our prior year's financial results. For directors that did not serve for the full fiscal year preceding an annual grant, the grant is prorated based on the number of months such director served as a director in the prior year, if any.

Except in the case of a director's death or disability, unvested stock options terminate when the director ceases to be a director. Unless earlier terminated, vested stock options terminate three years after the director ceases to be a director (or, if applicable, an employee) for any reason other than the director's death or disability. In the event of a director's death or disability, the director's stock options become fully vested and exercisable and may be exercised within the earlier of three years after the date of the director's death or disability, as applicable, or the end of the 10-year term of the stock options.

Cash:

- *Retainer:* \$20,000 annually, paid quarterly, subject to continuing service as a director. Prior to the beginning of any calendar year or, in the case of a new director, to the extent permitted, prior to joining our Board of Directors, each director can irrevocably elect to take 25%, 50%, 75% or 100% of his or her retainer, or, in the case of a new director, his or her prorated retainer, in stock options to purchase a number of shares of stock determined by dividing three times the retainer amount elected by the fair market value of our common stock on the grant date, rounded to the nearest whole share. Such options will be granted to ongoing directors three trading days after our announcement of our prior year's financial results and to new directors on the 15th day of the month following the month of the director's appointment or election to our Board of

Directors. The options are 10-year options with an exercise price equal to the fair market value of our common stock on the grant date, vesting in approximately equal monthly installments over one year. Any portion of the retainer not converted into options (as described above) will be paid on the applicable quarterly retainer payment dates.

For 2009 only, the maximum number of options that shall be issued pursuant to the above paragraph in lieu of a cash retainer to any director is 20,000 (the 2009 Maximum). If the number of options resulting from a director's election would be limited by the 2009 Maximum, then any portion of the retainer not converted into options because of the 2009 Maximum will be paid in cash on the applicable quarterly retainer payment dates.

If a director joins our Board of Directors after the first quarter of a calendar year, such director's retainer for that calendar year is reduced pro rata on a quarterly basis.

- *Meeting Attendance Fees:*

- *General:*
- *In-Person: \$1,000*
- *Telephonic: \$500*

- *Exceptions:*
- *Audit Chair Meeting Attendance Fee:*
- *In-Person: \$3,000*
- *Telephonic: \$1,500*

- *Other Chair Meeting Attendance Fee:*
- *In-Person: \$2,000*
- *Telephonic: \$1,000*

In addition, our Board of Directors and the Compensation Committee may authorize additional fees for significant work in informal meetings or for other service to us in the recipient's capacity as a director or committee member. Each non-employee director is also entitled to reimbursement for all of such director's reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in connection with performing Board business.

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: November 26, 2008

Arena Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

By:

/s/ Jack Lief
Jack Lief
President and Chief Executive Officer