

ARENA PHARMACEUTICALS INC

Form 8-K

June 07, 2005

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): **June 7, 2005**

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 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 June 7, 2005, Arena Pharmaceuticals, Inc. publicly announced that it was issued U.S. patent number 6,902,902, entitled Human G Protein-Coupled Receptors and Modulators Thereof for the Treatment of Metabolic-Related Disorders, by the U.S. Patent Office. The patent relates to certain drug screening methods that utilize the niacin receptor, and is part of Arena's collaboration with Merck & Co., Inc. to discover and develop potential therapies for cardiovascular disease.

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: June 7, 2005

Arena Pharmaceuticals, Inc.,
a Delaware corporation

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