

ARCA biopharma, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
January 19, 2012

**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): January 19, 2012 (January 19, 2012)

**ARCA biopharma, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction

of Incorporation)

**000-22873**  
(Commission

File Number)

**36-3855489**  
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

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**8001 Arista Place, Suite 430, Broomfield, CO 80021**

**(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)**

**(720) 940-2200**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

**Not Applicable**

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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Section 8 Other Events**

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On January 19, 2012, ARCA issued a press release announcing that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has issued a patent on methods for determining whether to administer or prescribe bucindolol to a patient based on whether the patient has a specific genotype. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

**Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press Release titled ARCA BIOPHARMA ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL PATENT ISSUED FOR METHODS FOR TREATMENT WITH BUCINDOLOL BASED ON GENOTYPE OF PATIENT, dated January 19, 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.

Dated: January 19, 2012

**ARCA biopharma, Inc.**

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Christopher D. Ozeroff  
Name: Christopher D. Ozeroff  
Title: SVP and General Counsel

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