

ARENA PHARMACEUTICALS INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 SPECTOR STEVEN W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ARENA PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ARNA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O ARENA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 6154 NANCY RIDGE DRIVE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/15/2016

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP, General Counsel & Sec

(Street)
 SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.5	12/15/2016		A	342,000	12/15/2017 ⁽¹⁾ 12/15/2023	Common Stock 342,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SPECTOR STEVEN W C/O ARENA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 6154 NANCY RIDGE DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121			EVP, General Counsel & Sec	

Signatures

Steven W. Spector 12/16/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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The options vest over four years, with 25% of the shares subject to the option vesting on December 15, 2017, and the remainder of the (1) shares vesting monthly over the following three years in equal installments (except as otherwise necessary to avoid vesting of a fractional share), and are exercisable once vested.

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