

Cardium Therapeutics, Inc.
Form 8-K
March 23, 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): March 20, 2012

001-33635

(Commission file number)

CARDIUM THERAPEUTICS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware
(State of incorporation)

27-0075787
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

12255 El Camino Real, Suite 250

San Diego, California 92130
(Address of principal executive offices)

(858) 436-1000
(Registrant's telephone number)

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ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

On March 20, 2012, Cardium Therapeutics announced the initiation of the ASPIRE Phase 3 registration study to evaluate the therapeutic effects of Cardium's lead product candidate, Gener[®] (Ad5FGF-4) in patients with myocardial ischemia (insufficient blood flow in the heart due to coronary artery disease). A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release of Cardium issued on March 20, 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.

CARDIUM THERAPEUTICS, INC.

Date: March 23, 2012

By: /s/ Christopher J. Reinhard

Christopher J. Reinhard
Chief Executive Officer