ARENA PHARMACEUTICALS INC

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

HOFFMAN ROBERT

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

ARENA PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ARNA]

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

VP, Finance and CFO

(Last)

C/O ARENA

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 01/20/2006

Director 10% Owner

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 6166

NANCY RIDGE DRIVE

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

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

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(City) (State)

(Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Price

4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Code V Amount

(A) (D)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Reported

Common Stock

01/20/2006

 $A^{(1)}$

15,000

\$0 67,997 D

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 orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securition
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.8	01/20/2006		A	40,000	01/20/2006(2)	01/20/2016	Common Stock	40,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HOFFMAN ROBERT C/O ARENA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 6166 NANCY RIDGE DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

VP, Finance and CFO

Signatures

Adam S. Chinnock, as Attorney-in-Fact

01/24/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) These shares of restricted stock vest in three equal annual installments beginning on January 20, 2007.
- (2) These options are exercisable upon grant, but vest in four equal annual installments beginning on January 20, 2007.

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