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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

AJIT-SIMH K A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ARENA PHARMACEUTICALS

INC [ARNA]

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

01/20/2006

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

(Check all applicable)

C/O ARENA

(Last)

(First) (Middle)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

VP, Quality Systems

PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 6166

NANCY RIDGE DRIVE

(Street)

(Month/Day/Year)

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

Applicable Line)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(City) (State)

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Zip)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

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

3.

Code

(Instr. 8)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or

Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securition (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				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	15,000	01/20/2006(1)	01/20/2016	Common Stock	15,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

AJIT-SIMH K A C/O ARENA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 6166 NANCY RIDGE DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

VP, Quality Systems

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 options are exercisable upon grant, but vest in four equal annual installments beginning on January 20, 2007.

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