

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)

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:

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**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<sup>®</sup> (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**