

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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Statement of changes in beneficial ownership of securities

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ISSUER

ARIAD PHARMACEUTICALS INC

CIK: **884731** | IRS No.: **223106987** | State of Incorpor.: **DE** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
SIC: **2836** Biological products, (no diagnostic substances)

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REPORTING OWNER

FITZGERALD EDWARD M

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person FITZGERALD EDWARD M			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ARIAD PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ARIA]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Executive VP		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/19/2016					
C/O ARIAD PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 26 LANDSDOWNE STREET			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(Street) CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139								
(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/19/2016		M	(1)	10,833	A \$ 0	325,784	D	
Common Stock	03/21/2016		S	(2)	5,417	D \$6.468 (3)	320,367	D	

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

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Restricted Stock Units	(4)	03/19/2016		M		10,833	(5)	(5)	Common Stock	10,833	\$ 0	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. Shares were acquired upon the vesting of a Restricted Stock Unit dated 03/19/2013

2. Represents shares sold to satisfy withholding tax requirements pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan.
3. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$6.27 to \$6.55, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the issuer, any security holder of the issuer, or the staff of the Security and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.
4. Each restricted stock unit represents a right to receive one share of ARIAD common stock.
5. Restricted Stock Units vest as to 33-1/3% of the award on each of March 19, 2014, March 19, 2015 and March 19, 2016

Signatures

/s/Edward M. Fitzgerald

** Signature of Reporting Person

03/22/2016

Date

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

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

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