

IRONWOOD PHARMACEUTICALS INC

Form 8-K

January 04, 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):

**December 29, 2011**

**IRONWOOD PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State of incorporation  
or organization)

**001-34620**  
(Commission file number)

**04-3404176**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

**301 Binney Street**  
**Cambridge, Massachusetts**  
(Address of principal  
executive offices)

**02142**  
(Zip code)

**(617) 621-7722**

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(Registrant's telephone number,  
including area code)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On December 12, 2011, Synergy Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ( Synergy ) filed a lawsuit in New York against Ironwood Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the Company ) and its Chief Scientific Officer. The complaint alleged, among other things, that the Company submitted false information when it opposed a European patent granted to Synergy in proceedings before the European Patent Office. On December 23, 2011, counsel for the Company sent a letter to Synergy s counsel stating that Synergy s lawsuit was meritless and should be withdrawn. On December 29, 2011, Synergy voluntarily dismissed the lawsuit without prejudice.

**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.

**Ironwood Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**

Dated: January 4, 2012

By:

/s/ Halley E. Gilbert

Name: Halley E. Gilbert

Title: Vice President, Legal Affairs and General  
Counsel