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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

HOFFMAN ROBERT S	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ARENA PHARMACEUTICALS NC [ARNA]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) VP, Finance and CFO			
(1	b. Date of Earliest Transaction Month/Day/Year) 07/31/2006				
	. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City) (State) (Zip) 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deeme Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution I	d 3. 4. Securities Acquired	quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities Form: Direct Indirect			

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)	Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	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	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	07/31/2006		M	5,000	A	\$ 0.6	74,214 (1)	D	
Common Stock	07/31/2006		S	5,000	D	\$ 10.42	69,214	D	
Common Stock	07/31/2006		S	2,500	D	\$ 10.55	66,714	D	

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

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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 Transaction Derivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	and 5)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amoun or Numbe of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.6	07/31/2006		M	5,000	03/03/2000(2)	03/03/2010	Common Stock	5,000

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 08/01/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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) Includes 592 shares acquired on June 30, 2006, pursuant to the 2001 Arena Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) These options were exercisable upon grant, but were part of an option grant subject to vesting in four equal annual installments beginning on March 3, 2001.

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