

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): October 12, 2001

ARIAD PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

0-21696

(Commission File Number)

22-3106987

(I.R.S. Employer Identification
No.)

26 LANDSDOWNE STREET
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:
(617) 494-0400

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(c) Exhibits.

99.1 The Registrant's Press Release dated October 12, 2001.

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On October 12, 2001, the Registrant publicly disseminated a Press Release announcing that new data of its lead product candidates to treat bone metastases and osteoporosis are being reported at the annual meeting of the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research.

The information contained in the Press Release dated October 12, 2001 is incorporated herein by reference and attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto. This information is furnished, and not filed, pursuant to Item 9.

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 thereunto duly authorized.

ARIAD PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: /s/ Brian A. Lajoie

Brian A. Lajoie
Interim Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 12, 2001

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