

Ampio Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
March 22, 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 19, 2012**

**AMPIO PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in Charter)**

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

**001-35182**  
**(Commission**  
  
**File No.)**

**26-0179592**  
**(IRS Employee**  
  
**Identification No.)**

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5445 DTC Parkway, Suite 925

Greenwood Village, Colorado 80111

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(720) 437-6500

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On March 19, 2012, Ampio Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ( Ampio or the Company ) issued a press release announcing a preliminary update on the Optina™ clinical trial to treat diabetic macular edema, a copy of which press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

The information contained in this Item 7.01 and Exhibit 99.1 to this report shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any filings made by Ampio under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except as may be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On March 19, 2012, Ampio announced that it had decided to conclude its ongoing clinical study of Optina™ to treat diabetic macular edema and to proceed with preparing a consultation package for the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for discussion of the design of a pivotal trial for Optina™ in the US under the 505(b)(2) regulation for repurposed drugs. Ampio also announced that a preliminary assessment of the primary end point of optical coherence tomography (OCT) in the clinical trial indicated a beneficial effect with the ultra-low dose of Optina™ at 4 and 12 weeks of treatment. A detailed analysis of the clinical study results will follow pending the completion of data analysis by the contract research organization that is reviewing the study.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

**(d) Exhibits.**

The following exhibit is furnished with this report:

99.1 Press Release dated March 19, 2012

*This Current Report on Form 8-K and Exhibit 99.1 contain forward-looking statements made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements typically are identified by use of terms such as may, project, should, plan, expect, anticipate, believe, estimate and similar words, although some forward-looking statements are expressed differently. Forward-looking statements represent our management's judgment regarding future events. Although the Company believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, the Company can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to be correct. All statements other than statements of historical fact included in this Current Report on Form 8-K and in Exhibit 99.1 are forward-looking statements. Except as required by applicable law, the Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. The Company cannot guarantee the accuracy of the forward-looking statements, and you should be aware that the Company's actual results could differ materially from those contained in forward-looking statements due to a number of factors, including the statements under Risk Factors found in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 9, 2012, and its Form 10-Qs on file with the SEC.*

**SIGNATURE**

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.

**AMPIO PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

By: /s/ Mark D. McGregor  
Mark D. McGregor  
*Chief Financial Officer*

Dated: March 22, 2012

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<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Method of Filing</b>
99.1	Press Release issued by Ampio Pharmaceuticals, Inc. on March 19, 2012	Furnished