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  | 0-21696                                 | 22-3106987<br>(I.R.S. Employer Identification<br>No.) |  |
|---|---|---|--|
| (State or Other Jurisdiction<br>of Incorporation) | (Commission File Number)                |   |  |
|   | 26 LANDSDOWNE STREET                    |   |  |
| CAMI  | BRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02139             | )   |  |
| (Address o  | f principal executive offices and zip c | ode)  |  |
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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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