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PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT Subject to completion December 7, 2010

(To Prospectus dated December 22, 2009)

Shares

Common Stock

Momenta Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is offering shares of common stock to be sold in this offering. We will receive all of the net proceeds from the sale of such common stock.

Our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol "MNTA". The last reported sale price of our common stock on December 6, 2010 was \$15.47 per share.

Investing in our common stock involves significant risks. You should read this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus carefully before you make your investment decision. See "Risk factors," beginning on page S-6 of this prospectus supplement and those contained in our incorporated documents, to read about factors you should consider before buying shares of our common stock.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

Per Share	Total
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Public offering price	\$	\$
Underwriting discounts and commissions	\$	\$
Proceeds, before expenses, to us	\$	\$

The underwriter may also purchase up to an additional _____ shares of common stock from us at the public offering price, less the underwriting discounts and commissions payable by us to cover over-allotments, if any, within 30 days from the date of this prospectus supplement. If the underwriter exercises the option in full, the total underwriting discounts and commissions will be \$ _____, and the total proceeds, before expenses, to us will be \$ _____.

The underwriter is offering the shares of our common stock as set forth under "Underwriting." Delivery of the shares of common stock will be made on or about December _____, 2010.

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You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, or incorporated by reference herein. We have not authorized, and the underwriter has not authorized, anyone to provide you with information that is different. The information contained in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, or incorporated by reference herein is accurate only as of the respective dates thereof, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus or of any sale of our common stock.

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About this prospectus supplement

This document is in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the specific terms of this common stock offering and also adds to and updates information contained in the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein. The second part, the accompanying prospectus, provides more general information. Generally, when we refer to this prospectus, we are referring to both parts of this document combined. To the extent there is a conflict between the information contained in this prospectus supplement and the information contained in the accompanying prospectus or any document incorporated by reference therein filed prior to the date of this prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information in this prospectus supplement, provided that, if any statement in one of these documents is inconsistent with a statement in another document having a later date for example, a document incorporated by reference in the accompanying prospectus the statement in the document having the later date modifies or supersedes the earlier statement.

We further note that the representations, warranties and covenants made by us in any agreement that is filed as an exhibit to any document that is incorporated by reference herein were made solely for the benefit of the parties to such agreement, including, in some cases, for the purpose of allocating risk among the parties to such agreements, and should not be deemed to be a representation, warranty or covenant to you. Moreover, such representations, warranties or covenants were accurate only as of the date when made. Accordingly, such representations, warranties and covenants should not be relied on as accurately representing the current state of our affairs.

It is important for you to read and consider all information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the documents incorporated by reference herein and therein, in making your investment decision. You should also read and consider the information in the documents to which we have referred you in the sections entitled "Where you can find more information" and "Incorporation of documents by reference" in this prospectus supplement and in the accompanying prospectus.

We are offering to sell, and seeking offers to buy, shares of our common stock only in jurisdictions where offers and sales are permitted. The distribution of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the offering of the common stock in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. Persons outside the United States who come into possession of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus must inform themselves about, and observe any restrictions relating to, the offering of the common stock and the distribution of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus outside the United States. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not constitute, and may not be used in connection with, an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, any securities offered by this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus by any person in any jurisdiction in which it is unlawful for such person to make such an offer or solicitation.

Unless otherwise stated, all references in this prospectus to "we," "us," "our," "Momenta," the "Company" and similar designations refer to Momenta Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Our logo, trademarks and service marks are the property of Momenta. Other trademarks or service marks appearing in this prospectus supplement are the property of their respective holders.

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Prospectus supplement summary

This summary highlights selected information about us and this offering. This information is not complete and does not contain all the information you should consider before investing in our common stock. You should carefully read this entire prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, including the "Risk factors" section contained in this prospectus supplement and the financial statements and the other information incorporated by reference herein, before making an investment decision.

Our Business

Momenta is a biotechnology company specializing in the characterization and process engineering of complex molecules. These complex molecules include proteins, polypeptides, and cell surface polysaccharides, like heparan-sulfate proteoglycans, or HSPGs. This results in a diversified product pipeline of complex generic, follow-on biologic, and novel drugs. These product opportunities are derived from our proprietary, innovative technology platform which we leverage to study the *structure* (thorough characterization of chemical components), *structure-process* (understand, design and control of manufacturing process), and *structure-activity* (understand and relate structure to biological and clinical activity) of complex molecule drugs.

Complex Generics and Follow-On Biologics

Our complex generics and follow-on biologics activities are focused on building a thorough understanding of the *structure-process-activity* of complex molecule drugs to develop generic versions of marketed products. While we use a similar analytical and development approach across all of our product candidates, we tailor that approach for each specific product candidate. Our first objective is to apply our core analytical technology to thoroughly characterize the *structure* of the marketed product. By defining the chemical composition of multiple batches of the marketed product, we are able to develop an equivalence window which captures the inherent variability of the innovator's manufacturing process. Using this information we then build an extensive understanding of the *structure-process* relationship to thoroughly understand, design and control our manufacturing process to reproducibly manufacture an equivalent version of the marketed product. Where necessary, and as required by the United States Food and Drug Administration, or FDA, we will supplement an application with additional supportive *structure-activity* data (e.g., immunogenicity, pharmacodynamics). Our goal is to obtain FDA approval for and commercialize, either directly or with collaborative partners, complex generic and follow-on biologic products thereby providing high quality, effective, safe and affordable medicines to patients in need.

Our two advanced complex generic product programs target marketed products which were originally approved by the FDA as New Drug Applications, or NDAs. Therefore, we were able to access the existing generic regulatory pathway and submit Abbreviated New Drug Applications, or ANDAs. Enoxaparin sodium injection, formerly known as M-Enoxaparin, received FDA marketing approval in July 2010 as a generic version of Lovenox®, a low molecular weight heparin, or LMWH, used to prevent and treat deep vein thrombosis, or DVT, and to support the treatment of acute coronary syndromes, or ACS. Lovenox is a complex mixture of polysaccharide chains derived from naturally sourced heparin. M356 is designed to be a generic version of Copaxone® (glatiramer acetate injection), a drug that is indicated for the reduction of the frequency of relapses in patients with Relapsing-Remitting Multiple Sclerosis, or RRMS. Copaxone consists of a complex mixture of polypeptide chains. With M356, we have extended our core characterization and process engineering capabilities from the characterization of complex polysaccharide mixtures to include the characterization of complex polypeptide mixtures. The ANDA for M356 is currently under FDA review.

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In November 2003, we entered into a collaboration and license agreement, or the 2003 Sandoz Collaboration, with Sandoz N.V. and Sandoz Inc. to jointly develop, manufacture and commercialize enoxaparin sodium injection. Sandoz N.V. later assigned its rights in the 2003 Sandoz Collaboration to Sandoz AG. We refer to Sandoz AG and Sandoz Inc. together as Sandoz. Under our 2003 Sandoz Collaboration, we work with Sandoz exclusively to develop, manufacture and commercialize enoxaparin sodium injection in the United States and Sandoz is responsible for funding substantially all of the United States-related enoxaparin sodium injection development, regulatory, legal and commercialization costs.

Sandoz submitted ANDAs in its name to the FDA for enoxaparin sodium injection in syringe and vial forms, seeking approval to market enoxaparin sodium injection in the United States. The ANDA for the syringe form of enoxaparin sodium injection was approved in July 2010. The FDA is currently reviewing the ANDA for the vial form of enoxaparin sodium injection.

In July, 2010, Sanofi-Aventis U.S. LLC, or Sanofi-Aventis, filed a lawsuit in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia against the FDA, Margaret A. Hamburg, Commissioner of Food and Drugs, and Kathleen Sebelius, Secretary of Health and Human Services. The complaint alleged, among other things, that the FDA's approval of the ANDA filed by Sandoz for enoxaparin sodium injection was arbitrary and capricious and exceeded FDA's statutory authority by requiring additional data for the purpose of demonstrating the safety or effectiveness of a generic version of Lovenox and departing from its own precedent governing the approval of generic drugs that have not been fully characterized. The lawsuit sought, among other things, a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction directing the FDA to suspend and withdraw its approval of the ANDA filed by Sandoz for enoxaparin sodium injection. In August 2010, the court denied the motion for a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction. We believe that Sanofi-Aventis's claims are without merit and are cooperating with Sandoz to vigorously oppose the lawsuit.

In 2006 and 2007, we entered into a series of agreements, including a Stock Purchase Agreement and an Investor Rights Agreement, each with Novartis Pharma AG, and a collaboration and license agreement, or the Definitive Agreement, with Sandoz AG, an affiliate of Novartis Pharma AG. Together, this series of agreements is referred to as the 2006 Sandoz Collaboration. Under the Definitive Agreement, we and Sandoz AG jointly develop, manufacture and commercialize M356.

In December 2007, Sandoz submitted to the FDA an ANDA in its name containing a Paragraph IV certification seeking approval to market M356 in the United States. In July 2008, the FDA notified Sandoz that it had accepted the ANDA for review as of December 27, 2007. In addition, the FDA's published database indicates that the first substantially complete ANDA submitted for glatiramer acetate injection containing a Paragraph IV certification was filed on December 27, 2007, making Sandoz's ANDA eligible for the grant of a 180-day generic exclusivity period upon approval. Under applicable laws, there are a number of ways an ANDA applicant may forfeit its 180-day exclusivity, including if the applicant fails to achieve at least tentative approval within 30 months after the date on which the ANDA is filed. Because tentative approval for the M356 ANDA has not been obtained in the specified timeframe of 30 months, the 180-day exclusivity period for which Sandoz's ANDA is eligible will be forfeited unless certain conditions enumerated in the statute apply. Sandoz and we will not know whether such conditions apply, or whether the 180-exclusivity is forfeited, unless and until the FDA approves the ANDA.

In addition to our two complex generic product programs, our follow-on biologics program further extends our proprietary technology platform to include the characterization and engineering of therapeutic protein products. By thoroughly characterizing these molecules, which are derived from natural or cell based manufacturing processes, we seek to gain a deeper understanding of the relationship between the multiple steps involved in their manufacturing processes and the final product compositions. Our goal is to replicate our development approach with enoxaparin sodium injection and M356 and pursue the development and commercialization of multiple biogeneric (designated by

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FDA to be substitutable with the marketed product) or biosimilar (designated by FDA not to be directly substitutable with the marketed drug) products.

Novel Drug Program

Our novel drug program leverages our characterization and process engineering capabilities to develop novel drugs by studying the *structure-activity* of complex mixtures. We are targeting our efforts to understand the relationship between structure and the biological and therapeutic activity of various complex molecule drug candidates. Our goal is to capitalize on the structural diversity and multi-targeting potential of these complex molecules to engineer novel drug candidates that we believe will meet key unmet medical needs in various diseases. While we believe that our capabilities to engineer improved and novel complex molecule drug candidates can be applied across several product categories with significant therapeutic potential, our most advanced efforts have been in the area of HSPGs. Our lead novel HSPG-based drug candidate, adomiparin, formerly known as M118, has been engineered to possess what we believe will be an improved therapeutic profile compared with other currently marketed products to support the treatment of ACS. M402, our second novel HSPG-based drug candidate, is in early development as a potential anti-cancer agent. We also are seeking to discover and develop additional novel HSPG-based drugs, as well as improved and novel protein drug candidates by applying our technology to better understand the function of these complex molecules in biological processes.

Company Background

We were incorporated in Delaware in May 2001 under the name Mimeon, Inc. In September 2002, we changed our name to Momenta Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Since our inception in May 2001, we have incurred annual net losses. As of September 30, 2010, we had an accumulated deficit of \$320.0 million. To date, we have devoted substantially all of our capital resource expenditures to the research and development of our product candidates. Prior to the launch of enoxaparin sodium injection in July 2010, our revenues had been derived from our 2003 Sandoz Collaboration and 2006 Sandoz Collaboration and primarily consisted of amounts earned by us for reimbursement by Sandoz of research and development services and development costs for certain programs. Following commercial launch of enoxaparin sodium injection in July 2010, we began to earn product revenue from Sandoz representing our profit share on Sandoz' sales of enoxaparin sodium injection. We may still incur annual operating losses over the next several years as we expand our drug commercialization, development and discovery efforts. Additionally, we plan to continue to evaluate possible acquisitions or licensing of rights to additional technologies, products or assets that fit within our growth strategy. Accordingly, we will need to generate significant revenues to maintain profitability.

Our principal executive offices are located at 675 West Kendall Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02142, and our telephone number is (617) 491-9700. Our Internet address is www.momentapharma.com. The information on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and should not be considered to be a part of this prospectus. We have included our website address as an inactive textual reference only.

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The offering

Common stock offered by us in this offering	shares
Common stock to be outstanding after the offering	shares
Use of Proceeds	We intend to use the net proceeds from this offering for general corporate and working capital purposes, including research and development expenses, manufacturing expenses, clinical trial costs, general and administrative expenses, and potential acquisitions of, or investments in, companies, products and technologies that complement our business. See "Use of proceeds."
Risk Factors	You should read the description of risks set forth in the "Risk factors" section of this prospectus supplement or otherwise incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement for a discussion of factors to consider before deciding to purchase shares of our common stock.
NASDAQ Global Market symbol	MNTA
The number of shares of our common stock to be outstanding after this offering is based on 45,395,695 shares of our common stock outstanding as of September 30, 2010, and excludes:	
>	4,574,559 shares of our common stock issuable upon exercise of outstanding stock options at a weighted average exercise price of \$11.76 per share; and
>	an aggregate of 5,387,272 additional shares of our common stock reserved for future issuance under our stock incentive plans.
Except as otherwise noted, we have presented the information in this prospectus supplement assuming no exercise by the underwriter of its option to purchase up to additional shares of our common stock to cover overallotments.	

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Risk factors

Investing in our common stock involves significant risks. In addition to the other information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, you should carefully consider the risks described under the heading "Risk factors" in our most recent annual report on Form 10-K, as revised or supplemented by our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC since the filing of our most recent annual report on Form 10-K, each of which are on file with the SEC and are incorporated herein by reference, before making an investment decision. The risks and uncertainties we have described are not the only ones facing our company. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also affect our business operations.

RISKS RELATING TO THIS OFFERING

Investors in this offering will pay a much higher price than the book value of our stock.

If you purchase common stock in this offering, you will incur an immediate and substantial dilution in net tangible book value of \$ per share, after giving effect to the sale by us of shares in this offering at a public offering price of \$ per share. In the past, we have issued options to acquire common stock at prices significantly below this offering price. To the extent these outstanding options are ultimately exercised, you will incur additional dilution. See "Dilution" for a more detailed discussion of the dilution investors in this offering will incur.

Because our management will have broad discretion over the use of the net proceeds from this offering, you may not agree with how we use them and the proceeds may not be invested successfully.

The net proceeds from this offering will be available for, among other purposes, general corporate purposes, and our management will have broad discretion as to the use of such proceeds. Accordingly, investors will be relying on the judgment of our management with regard to the use of net proceeds we receive from this offering, and they will not have the opportunity to assess whether the proceeds are being used appropriately. It is possible that the proceeds we receive will be invested in a way that does not yield a favorable, or any, return for us.

If securities analysts downgrade our stock or cease coverage of us, the price of our stock could decline.

The trading market for our common stock relies in part on the research and reports that industry or financial analysts publish about us or our business. Currently, seven financial analysts publish reports about us and our business. We do not control these or any other analysts. Furthermore, there are many large, well-established, publicly traded companies active in our industry and market, which may mean that it is less likely that we will receive widespread analyst coverage. If any of the analysts who cover us downgrade our stock, our stock price would likely decline rapidly. If these analysts cease coverage of our company, we could lose visibility in the market, which in turn could cause our stock price to decline.

Future sales of additional shares of our common stock could cause the price of our common stock to decline.

Sales of substantial amounts of our common stock in the public market following this offering, or the perception by the market that those sales could occur, may lower our stock price or make it difficult for us to raise additional equity capital in the future. For example, one of our large stockholders may decide to sell a substantial portion of its shares of our common stock. In addition, the issuance of common stock upon exercise of outstanding options could be dilutive, and may cause the market price for a share of our common stock to decline. As of September 30, 2010, we had 45,395,695 shares of common stock issued and outstanding, together with outstanding options to purchase 4,574,559 shares of common stock with a weighted average exercise price of \$11.76 per share.

Cautionary note regarding forward looking statements

Statements, other than statements of historical facts, that we include in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and in the documents we incorporate by reference herein, may be deemed "forward looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act. We use the words "anticipate," "believe," "could," "could increase the likelihood," "hope," "target," "project," "goals," "potential," "predict," "might," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "is planned," "may," "should," "will," "will enable," "would be expected," "look forward," "may provide," "would" or similar terms, variations of such terms or the negative of those terms, to identify forward looking statements, although not all forward looking statements contain these identifying words. We cannot guarantee that we actually will achieve the plans, intentions or expectations disclosed in our forward looking statements and, accordingly, you should not place undue reliance on our forward looking statements. There are a number of important factors that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from the forward looking statements that we make, including the factors included in the documents we incorporate by reference herein. You should read these factors and the other cautionary statements made in the documents we incorporate by reference as being applicable to all related forward looking statements wherever they appear in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and any document incorporated by reference. We caution you that we do not undertake any obligation to update or revise forward looking statements made by us, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Use of proceeds

We estimate that the net proceeds we will receive from this offering will be approximately \$ million (or \$ million if the underwriter exercises its option to purchase additional shares in full), assuming a public offering price of \$ and after deducting the underwriting discount and estimated offering expenses.

We intend to use the net proceeds of this offering for general corporate and working capital purposes. Although we have not yet identified any specific uses for these proceeds, we currently anticipate using the proceeds for some or all of the following purposes: research and development expenses, manufacturing expenses, clinical trial costs, general and administrative expenses and potential acquisitions of, or investments in, companies, products and technologies that complement our business. Pending the application of the net proceeds, we intend to invest the net proceeds in investment grade, interest bearing securities.

Dilution

If you purchase our common stock in this offering, your interest will be diluted to the extent of the difference between the public offering price per share and the net tangible book value per share of our common stock after this offering. We calculate net tangible book value per share by subtracting our total liabilities from our total tangible assets and dividing the difference by the number of outstanding shares of our common stock.

Our net tangible book value at September 30, 2010 was \$107.7 million, or \$2.37 per share, based on 45,395,695 shares of our common stock outstanding on September 30, 2010. After giving effect to the sale of million shares of common stock by us at an assumed public offering price of \$ per share, less the underwriting discount and estimated offering expenses, our net tangible book value at September 30, 2010 would be \$ million, or \$ per share. This represents an immediate increase in net tangible book value of \$ per share to existing stockholders and an immediate dilution of \$ per share to investors in this offering. The following table illustrates this per share dilution:

Assumed public offering price per share	\$
Net tangible book value per share as of September 30, 2010	\$ 2.37
Increase per share attributable to new investors	\$
Net tangible book value per share after this offering	
Dilution per share to new investors	\$

If the underwriter exercises its option to purchase additional shares in full at the assumed public offering price of \$, the net tangible book value per share after this offering would be \$ per share, representing an increase to existing stockholders of \$ per share, and there would be an immediate dilution of \$ per share to new investors at the assumed public offering price.

In the discussion and table above, we assume no exercise of outstanding options. As of September 30, 2010, there were 4,574,559 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of outstanding options with a weighted average exercise price of \$11.76 per share. To the extent that any of these outstanding options are exercised, there will be further dilution to new investors.

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Underwriting

We are offering the shares of our common stock described in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus through the underwriter named below. UBS Securities LLC is acting as the underwriter and the sole book-running manager of this offering. We have entered into an underwriting agreement with the underwriter. Subject to the terms and conditions of the underwriting agreement, we have agreed to sell to the underwriter, and the underwriter has agreed to purchase, _____ shares of common stock.

The underwriting agreement provides that the underwriter must buy all of the shares if it buys any of them. However, the underwriter is not required to take or pay for the shares covered by the underwriter's over-allotment option described below.

Our common stock is offered subject to a number of conditions, including:

- > _____ receipt and acceptance of our common stock by the underwriter, and
- > _____ the underwriter's right to reject orders in whole or in part.

In connection with this offering, the underwriter or securities dealers may distribute prospectuses electronically.

Over-Allotment Option

We have granted the underwriter an option to buy up to an aggregate of _____ additional shares of our common stock. The underwriter may exercise this option solely for the purpose of covering over-allotments, if any, made in connection with this offering. The underwriter has 30 days from the date of this prospectus supplement to exercise this option.

Commissions and Discounts

Shares sold by the underwriter to the public will initially be offered at the public offering price set forth on the cover of this prospectus supplement. Any shares sold by the underwriter to securities dealers may be sold at a discount of up to \$ _____ per share from the public offering price. Sales of shares made outside the United States may be made by affiliates of the underwriter. If all the shares are not sold at the public offering price, the underwriter may change the offering price and the other selling terms. Upon execution of the underwriting agreement, the underwriter will be obligated to purchase the shares at the prices and upon the terms stated therein.

The following table shows the per share and total underwriting discounts and commissions we will pay to the underwriter assuming both no exercise and full exercise of the underwriter's option to purchase additional shares of our common stock.

	No exercise	Full exercise
Per share	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____	\$ _____

We estimate that the total expenses of this offering payable by us, not including the underwriting discounts and commissions, will be approximately \$ _____.

No Sales of Similar Securities

We and our executive officers and directors have entered into lock-up agreements with the underwriter. Under these agreements, subject to certain exceptions, we and each of these persons may not, without the prior written approval of UBS Securities LLC, offer, sell, contract to sell or otherwise dispose of, directly or indirectly, or hedge our common stock or securities convertible into or exchangeable or

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exercisable for our common stock. These restrictions will be in effect for a period of 60 days after the date of this prospectus supplement. At any time and without public notice, UBS Securities LLC, may, in its sole discretion, release some or all of the securities from these lock-up agreements.

The restrictions applicable to us described in the immediately preceding paragraph do not apply to: the shares of common stock sold pursuant to the underwriting agreement, the issuance by us of shares of common stock upon the exercise of an option or warrant outstanding on the date we enter into the underwriting agreement or the issuance of stock options and other stock-based awards to eligible participants pursuant to our stock incentive plans. The restrictions applicable to our officers and directors described in the immediately preceding paragraph do not apply to, among other things:

- > transfers of shares of common stock or any security convertible into common stock as a bona fide gift,
- > dispositions of shares of common stock or any security convertible into common stock to any trust for the direct or indirect benefit of the individual and/or the immediate family of the individual,
- > distributions of shares of common stock or any security convertible into common stock to partners, members or stockholders of the individual,
- > the sale of common stock or other securities by or on behalf of the individual pursuant to any trading plan established pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 of the Exchange Act for the transfer of shares of common stock that has been entered into by the individual prior to the date of the agreement; provided that no modification is made to the formula, algorithm or computer program with respect to such trading plan during the restricted period, or
- > transactions relating to shares of common stock or other securities acquired in open market transactions after the completion of this offering, provided that no filing under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act shall be required or shall be voluntarily made in connection with subsequent sales of common stock or other securities acquired in such open market transactions.

In addition to the foregoing, certain of our directors will be permitted to sell or gift, in the aggregate, approximately 137,000 shares of our common stock during the restricted period.

Indemnification

We have agreed to indemnify the underwriter against certain liabilities, including certain liabilities under the Securities Act. If we are unable to provide this indemnification, we have agreed to contribute to payments the underwriter may be required to make in respect of those liabilities.

NASDAQ Stock Market Listing

Our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Market under the symbol "MNTA."

Price Stabilization, Short Positions

In connection with this offering, the underwriter may engage in activities that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of our common stock, including:

- > stabilizing transactions;
- >

short sales;

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purchases to cover positions created by short sales;

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imposition of penalty bids; and

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syndicate covering transactions.

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Underwriting

Stabilizing transactions consist of bids or purchases made for the purpose of preventing or retarding a decline in the market price of our common stock while this offering is in progress. These transactions may also include making short sales of our common stock, which involve the sale by the underwriter of a greater number of shares of common stock than it is required to purchase in this offering, and purchasing shares of common stock on the open market to cover positions created by short sales. Short sales may be "covered short sales," which are short positions in an amount not greater than the underwriter's over-allotment option referred to above, or may be "naked short sales," which are short positions in excess of that amount.

The underwriter may close out any covered short position by either exercising its over-allotment option, in whole or in part, or by purchasing shares in the open market. In making this determination, the underwriter will consider, among other things, the price of shares available for purchase in the open market as compared to the price at which it may purchase shares through the over-allotment option.

Naked short sales are short sales made in excess of the over-allotment option. The underwriter must close out any naked short position by purchasing shares in the open market. A naked short position is more likely to be created if the underwriter is concerned that there may be downward pressure on the price of the common stock in the open market that could adversely affect investors who purchased in this offering.

As a result of these activities, the price of our common stock may be higher than the price that otherwise might exist in the open market. If these activities are commenced, they may be discontinued by the underwriter at any time. The underwriter may carry out these transactions on the NASDAQ Global Market, in the over-the-counter market or otherwise.

Affiliations

The underwriter and certain of its affiliates have in the past provided, are currently providing and may in the future from time to time provide, investment banking and other financing, trading, banking, research, transfer agent and trustee services to the Company or its subsidiary, for which they have in the past received, and may currently or in the future receive, customary fees and expenses.

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European Economic Area

In relation to each Member State of the European Economic Area, or EEA, which has implemented the Prospectus Directive (each, a "Relevant Member State"), with effect from, and including, the date on which the Prospectus Directive is implemented in that Relevant Member State (the "Relevant Implementation Date"), an offer to the public of our securities which are the subject of the offering contemplated by this prospectus may not be made in that Relevant Member State, except that, with effect from, and including, the Relevant Implementation Date, an offer to the public in that Relevant Member State of our securities may be made at any time under the following exemptions under the Prospectus Directive, if they have been implemented in that Relevant Member State:

- a) to legal entities which are authorized or regulated to operate in the financial markets, or, if not so authorized or regulated, whose corporate purpose is solely to invest in our securities;
- b) to any legal entity which has two or more of: (1) an average of at least 250 employees during the last (or, in Sweden, the last two) financial year(s); (2) a total balance sheet of more than €43,000,000 and (3) an annual net turnover of more than €50,000,000, as shown in its last (or, in Sweden, the last two) annual or consolidated accounts; or
- c) to fewer than 100 natural or legal persons (other than qualified investors as defined in the Prospectus Directive) subject to obtaining the prior consent of the representative for any such offer; or
- d) in any other circumstances falling within Article 3(2) of the Prospectus Directive provided that no such offer of our securities shall result in a requirement for the publication by us or any underwriter or agent of a prospectus pursuant to Article 3 of the Prospectus Directive.

As used above, the expression "offered to the public" in relation to any of our securities in any Relevant Member State means the communication in any form and by any means of sufficient information on the terms of the offer and our securities to be offered so as to enable an investor to decide to purchase or subscribe for our securities, as the same may be varied in that Member State by any measure implementing the Prospectus Directive in that Member State and the expression "Prospectus Directive" means Directive 2003/71/EC and includes any relevant implementing measure in each Relevant Member State.

The EEA selling restriction is in addition to any other selling restrictions set out in this prospectus.

United Kingdom

This prospectus is only being distributed to and is only directed at: (1) persons who are outside the United Kingdom; (2) investment professionals falling within Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005 (the "Order"); or (3) high net worth companies, and other persons to whom it may lawfully be communicated, falling within Article 49(2)(a) to (d) of the Order (all such persons falling within (1)-(3) together being referred to as "relevant persons"). The shares are only available to, and any invitation, offer or agreement to subscribe, purchase or otherwise acquire such shares will be engaged in only with, relevant persons. Any person who is not a relevant person should not act or rely on this prospectus or any of its contents.

Switzerland

The Prospectus does not constitute an issue prospectus pursuant to Article 652a or Article 1156 of the Swiss Code of Obligations ("CO") and the shares will not be listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange. Therefore, the Prospectus may not comply with the disclosure standards of the CO and/or the listing

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rules (including any prospectus schemes) of the SIX Swiss Exchange. Accordingly, the shares may not be offered to the public in or from Switzerland, but only to a selected and limited circle of investors, which do not subscribe to the shares with a view to distribution.

Australia

This prospectus is not a formal disclosure document and has not been, nor will be, lodged with the Australian Securities and Investments Commission. It does not purport to contain all information that an investor or their professional advisers would expect to find in a prospectus or other disclosure document (as defined in the Corporations Act 2001 (Australia)) for the purposes of Part 6D.2 of the Corporations Act 2001 (Australia) or in a product disclosure statement for the purposes of Part 7.9 of the Corporations Act 2001 (Australia), in either case, in relation to the securities.

The securities are not being offered in Australia to "retail clients" as defined in sections 761G and 761GA of the Corporations Act 2001 (Australia). This offering is being made in Australia solely to "wholesale clients" for the purposes of section 761G of the Corporations Act 2001 (Australia) and, as such, no prospectus, product disclosure statement or other disclosure document in relation to the securities has been, or will be, prepared.

This prospectus does not constitute an offer in Australia other than to wholesale clients. By submitting an application for our securities, you represent and warrant to us that you are a wholesale client for the purposes of section 761G of the Corporations Act 2001 (Australia). If any recipient of this prospectus is not a wholesale client, no offer of, or invitation to apply for, our securities shall be deemed to be made to such recipient and no applications for our securities will be accepted from such recipient. Any offer to a recipient in Australia, and any agreement arising from acceptance of such offer, is personal and may only be accepted by the recipient. In addition, by applying for our securities you undertake to us that, for a period of 12 months from the date of issue of the securities, you will not transfer any interest in the securities to any person in Australia other than to a wholesale client.

Hong Kong

Our securities may not be offered or sold in Hong Kong, by means of this prospectus or any document other than (i) to "professional investors" within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap.571, Laws of Hong Kong) and any rules made thereunder, or (ii) in circumstances which do not constitute an offer to the public within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap.32, Laws of Hong Kong), or (iii) in other circumstances which do not result in the document being a "prospectus" within the meaning of the Companies Ordinance (Cap.32, Laws of Hong Kong). No advertisement, invitation or document relating to our securities may be issued or may be in the possession of any person for the purpose of issue (in each case whether in Hong Kong or elsewhere) which is directed at, or the contents of which are likely to be accessed or read by, the public in Hong Kong (except if permitted to do so under the securities laws of Hong Kong) other than with respect to the securities which are or are intended to be disposed of only to persons outside Hong Kong or only to "professional investors" within the meaning of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap.571, Laws of Hong Kong) and any rules made thereunder.

Japan

Our securities have not been and will not be registered under the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law of Japan (the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law) and our securities will not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, in Japan, or to, or for the benefit of, any resident of Japan (which term as used herein means any person resident in Japan, including any corporation or other entity organized under the laws of Japan), or to others for re-offering or resale, directly or indirectly, in Japan, or to a

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resident of Japan, except pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of, and otherwise in compliance with, the Financial Instruments and Exchange Law and any other applicable laws, regulations and ministerial guidelines of Japan.

Singapore

This document has not been registered as a prospectus with the Monetary Authority of Singapore and in Singapore, the offer and sale of our securities is made pursuant to exemptions provided in sections 274 and 275 of the Securities and Futures Act, Chapter 289 of Singapore ("SFA"). Accordingly, this prospectus and any other document or material in connection with the offer or sale, or invitation for subscription or purchase, of our securities may not be circulated or distributed, nor may our securities be offered or sold, or be made the subject of an invitation for subscription or purchase, whether directly or indirectly, to persons in Singapore other than (i) to an institutional investor as defined in Section 4A of the SFA pursuant to Section 274 of the SFA, (ii) to a relevant person as defined in section 275(2) of the SFA pursuant to Section 275(1) of the SFA, or any person pursuant to Section 275(1A) of the SFA, and in accordance with the conditions specified in Section 275 of the SFA or (iii) otherwise pursuant to, and in accordance with the conditions of, any other applicable provision of the SFA, in each case subject to compliance with the conditions (if any) set forth in the SFA. Moreover, this document is not a prospectus as defined in the SFA. Accordingly, statutory liability under the SFA in relation to the content of prospectuses would not apply. Prospective investors in Singapore should consider carefully whether an investment in our securities is suitable for them.

Where our securities are subscribed or purchased under Section 275 of the SFA by a relevant person which is:

- (a) by a corporation (which is not an accredited investor as defined in Section 4A of the SFA) the sole business of which is to hold investments and the entire share capital of which is owned by one or more individuals, each of whom is an accredited investor; or
- (b) for a trust (where the trustee is not an accredited investor) whose sole purpose is to hold investments and each beneficiary of the trust is an individual who is an accredited investor,

shares of that corporation or the beneficiaries' rights and interest (howsoever described) in that trust shall not be transferable for six months after that corporation or that trust has acquired the shares under Section 275 of the SFA, except:

- (1) to an institutional investor (for corporations under Section 274 of the SFA) or to a relevant person defined in Section 275(2) of the SFA, or any person pursuant to an offer that is made on terms that such shares of that corporation or such rights and interest in that trust are acquired at a consideration of not less than S\$200,000 (or its equivalent in a foreign currency) for each transaction, whether such amount is to be paid for in cash or by exchange of securities or other assets, and further for corporations, in accordance with the conditions, specified in Section 275 of the SFA;
- (2) where no consideration is given for the transfer; or
- (3) where the transfer is by operation of law.

In addition, investors in Singapore should note that the securities acquired by them are subject to resale and transfer restrictions specified under Section 276 of the SFA, and they, therefore, should seek their own legal advice before effecting any resale or transfer of their securities.

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Legal matters

The validity of the shares of common stock offered hereby will be passed upon for us by Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP, Boston, Massachusetts. The underwriter is being represented in connection with this offering by Ropes & Gray LLP, Boston, Massachusetts.

Experts

The consolidated financial statements of Momenta Pharmaceuticals, Inc. appearing in Momenta Pharmaceuticals, Inc.'s Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2009, and the effectiveness of Momenta Pharmaceuticals, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2009 have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their reports thereon, included therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such reports given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

Incorporation of documents by reference

We are "incorporating by reference" in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus some of the documents we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information in the documents incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. Statements contained in documents that we file with the SEC and that are incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus will automatically update and supersede information contained herein, including information in previously filed documents or reports that have been incorporated by reference herein, to the extent the new information differs from or is inconsistent with the old information.

We have filed or may file the following documents with the SEC. These documents are incorporated herein by reference as of their respective dates of filing (other than, in each case, documents or information deemed to have been furnished and not filed in accordance with SEC rules):

- (1) our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009, as filed with the SEC on March 12, 2010;
- (2) our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2010, as filed with the SEC on May 6, 2010;
- (3) our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2010, as filed with the SEC on August 2, 2010;
- (4) our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2010, as filed with the SEC on November 8, 2010;
- (5) our Current Reports on Form 8-K, as filed with the SEC on February 22, 2010, April 1, 2010, June 15, 2010, July 23, 2010, July 27, 2010, July 29, 2010, August 26, 2010, September 10, 2010, and October 25, 2010, and on Form 8-K/A on November 5, 2010; and

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- (6) the description of our common stock which is contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act, in the form declared effective by the SEC on June 14, 2004, as amended on November 8, 2005 and August 7, 2009, including any subsequent amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

In addition, this prospectus supplement incorporates by reference all documents and reports that we file pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this prospectus supplement and prior to completion or termination of this offering.

You may request, orally or in writing, a copy of these documents, which will be provided to you at no cost, by contacting Momenta Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 675 West Kendall Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02142, Attention: Bruce A. Leicher, Corporate Secretary, telephone: (617) 491-9700.

Where you can find more information

We file reports, proxy statements and other documents with the SEC. You may read and copy any document we file with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference room.

The SEC also maintains an Internet site that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding registrants, like us, that file electronically with the SEC. The address of the SEC's Internet site is www.sec.gov. Our website is www.momentapharma.com.

Our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and other filings with the SEC are available, free of charge, through our website, shortly after those reports or filings are electronically filed with or furnished to the SEC. Information on our website or any other website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and does not constitute a part of this prospectus supplement.

This prospectus supplement is part of a registration statement we filed with the SEC relating to the securities we may offer. As permitted by SEC rules, this prospectus supplement does not contain all of the information we have included in the registration statement and the accompanying exhibits and schedules we filed with the SEC. You may refer to the registration statement, exhibits and schedules for more information about us and the securities. The registration statement, exhibits and schedules are available at the SEC's Public Reference Room or through its website.

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PROSPECTUS

\$150,000,000

MOMENTA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

**Common Stock
Preferred Stock
Debt Securities
Warrants**

We may from time to time issue up to \$150,000,000 aggregate principal amount of common stock, preferred stock, debt securities and warrants. We may sell these securities to or through underwriters, directly to investors or through agents. We will specify the terms of the securities, and the names of any underwriters or agents, in supplements to this prospectus.

Our common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Global Market and traded under the symbol "MNTA." The last reported sale price of our common stock on the Nasdaq Global Market on December 8, 2009 was \$10.63 per share.

Investing in our securities involves risks. See "Risk Factors" at page 3 of this prospectus.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

This prospectus may not be used to consummate sales of securities unless it is accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

Prospectus dated December 22, 2009.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which we refer to as the SEC, utilizing a "shelf" registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may from time to time sell any combination of the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings up to a total dollar amount of \$150,000,000. We may offer any of the following securities: common stock, preferred stock and debt securities. We may also offer warrants to purchase common stock, preferred stock and debt securities.

This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell securities, we will provide one or more prospectus supplements that will contain specific information about the terms of the offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read both this prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement together with the additional information described under the headings "Where You Can Find More Information" and "Incorporation of Documents by Reference" below.

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, any accompanying prospectus supplement or in any related free writing prospectus filed by us with the SEC. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. This prospectus and the accompanying prospectus supplement do not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities other than the securities described in the accompanying prospectus supplement or an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy such securities in any circumstances in which such offer or solicitation is unlawful. You should assume that the information appearing in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement and the documents incorporated by reference is accurate only as of their respective dates. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed materially since those dates.

The terms "we," "us," "our," "Momenta," the "Company" and similar designations refer to Momenta Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Our logo, trademarks and service marks are the property of Momenta. Other trademarks or service marks appearing in this prospectus are the property of their respective holders.

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

Statements, other than statements of historical facts, that we include in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement and the documents we incorporate by reference in this prospectus, may be deemed "forward looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act. We use the words "anticipate," "believe," "could," "could increase the likelihood," "hope," "target," "project," "goals," "potential," "predict," "might," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "is planned," "may," "should," "will," "will enable," "would be expected," "look forward," "may provide," "would" or similar terms, variations of such terms or the negative of those terms, to identify forward looking statements, although not all forward looking statements contain these identifying words. We cannot guarantee that we actually will achieve the plans, intentions or expectations disclosed in our forward looking statements and, accordingly, you should not place undue reliance on our forward looking statements. There are a number of important factors that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from the forward looking statements that we make, including the factors included in the documents we incorporate by reference herein. You should read these factors and the other cautionary statements made in the documents we incorporate by reference as being applicable to all related forward-looking statements wherever they appear in this prospectus, any prospectus supplement, and any document incorporated by reference. We caution you that we do not undertake any obligation to update or revise forward looking statements made by us, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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MOMENTA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Momenta is a biotechnology company with a product pipeline of both complex generic and novel drugs. This pipeline is derived from our proprietary, innovative technology platform for the detailed structural analysis of complex mixture drugs. We use this platform to study the structure (thorough characterization of chemical components), structure-process (design and control of manufacturing process), and structure-activity (relating structure to biological and clinical activity) of complex mixture drugs.

Our complex mixture generics and follow-on biologics effort is focused on building a thorough understanding of the structure-process-activity of complex mixture drugs to develop generic versions of marketed products. While we use a similar analytical and development approach across all of our product candidates, we tailor that approach for each specific product candidate. Our first objective is to apply our core analytical technology to thoroughly characterize the structure of the marketed product. By defining the chemical composition of multiple batches of the marketed product, we are able to develop an equivalence window, which captures the inherent variability of the innovator's manufacturing process. Using this information we then build an extensive understanding of the structure-process relationship to design and control our manufacturing process to reproducibly manufacture an equivalent version of the marketed product. Where necessary, and as required by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, or FDA, we will supplement an application with additional supportive structure-activity data (e.g., immunogenicity, pharmacodynamics). Our goal is to obtain FDA approval for and commercialize generic or follow-on versions of complex mixture products, thereby providing high quality, safe and affordable medicines to patients in need.

Our complex mixture novel drug research and development efforts leverage our analytical technology platform and *structure-process* knowledge to develop novel drugs by studying the *structure-activity* of complex mixtures. With our capabilities to thoroughly characterize complex mixtures, we are targeting our efforts to understand the relationship between structure and the biological and therapeutic activity of various complex mixture drug candidates. Our goal is to capitalize on the structural diversity and multitargeting potential of these complex mixtures to engineer novel drug candidates that we believe will meet key unmet medical needs in various diseases. While we believe that our capabilities to engineer improved and novel complex mixture drug candidates can be applied across several product categories with significant therapeutic potential, such as polysaccharides, polypeptides and glycoproteins, our initial focus has been in the area of complex polysaccharide mixtures.

We were incorporated in Delaware in May 2001 under the name Mimeon, Inc. In September 2002, we changed our name to Momenta Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Our principal executive offices are located at 675 West Kendall Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02142, and our telephone number is (617) 491-9700. Our Internet address is www.momentapharma.com. The information on our website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus and should not be considered to be a part of this prospectus. We have included our website address as an inactive textual reference only.

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Investing in our securities involves risk. Please see the risk factors under the heading "Risk Factors" in our most recent annual report on Form 10-K, as revised or supplemented by our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC since the filing of our most recent annual report on Form 10-K, all of which are on file with the SEC and are incorporated herein by reference in this prospectus. Before making an investment decision, you should carefully consider these risks as well as other information we include or incorporate by reference in this prospectus and any prospectus supplement. The risks and uncertainties we have described are not the only ones facing our company. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we currently deem immaterial may also affect our business operations.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, we intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of the securities under this prospectus for general corporate purposes, including clinical trial costs, research and development expenses, manufacturing expenses, general and administrative expenses, and potential acquisitions of companies, products and technologies that complement our business. We will set forth in the prospectus supplement our intended use for the net proceeds received from the sale of any securities. Pending the application of the net proceeds, we intend to invest the net proceeds in investment-grade, interest-bearing securities.

RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES

We did not record earnings for any of the years ended December 31, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005 or 2004 or for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2009. Accordingly, our earnings were insufficient to cover fixed charges in such periods and we are unable to disclose a ratio of earnings to fixed charges. The following table sets forth, for each of the periods presented, the dollar amount of the deficiency of earnings available to cover fixed charges. For purposes of computing the deficiency of earnings available to cover fixed charges, fixed charges represent interest expense, an estimate of the interest expense within rental expense, the non-cash dividend related to the beneficial conversion feature of our Series C redeemable convertible preferred stock and the accretion to redemption value of the redeemable convertible preferred stock.

In thousands	Nine Month Period Ended, September 30,		Year Ended December 31,			
	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004
Deficiency of Earnings to Cover Fixed Charges	\$ 49,323	\$ 62,637	\$ 68,881	\$ 51,913	\$ 21,662	\$ 36,316

DILUTION

We will set forth in a prospectus supplement the following information regarding any material dilution of the equity interests of investors purchasing securities in an offering under this prospectus:

the net tangible book value per share of our equity securities before and after the offering;

the amount of the increase in such net tangible book value per share attributable to the cash payments made by purchasers in the offering; and

the amount of the immediate dilution from the public offering price which will be absorbed by such purchasers.

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THE SECURITIES WE MAY OFFER

The descriptions of the securities contained in this prospectus, together with the applicable prospectus supplements, summarize all the material terms and provisions of the various types of securities that we may offer. We will describe in the applicable prospectus supplement relating to any securities the particular terms of the securities offered by that prospectus supplement. If we indicate in the applicable prospectus supplement, the terms of the securities may differ from the terms we have summarized below. We will also include in the prospectus supplement information, where applicable, about material United States federal income tax considerations relating to the securities, and the securities exchange, if any, on which the securities will be listed.

We may sell from time to time, in one or more offerings:

common stock;

preferred stock;

debt securities;

warrants to purchase any of the securities listed above; or

any combination of the foregoing.

In this prospectus, we refer to the common stock, preferred stock, debt securities and warrants collectively as "securities." The total dollar amount of all securities that we may sell will not exceed \$150,000,000.

If we issue debt securities at a discount from their original stated principal amount, then, for purposes of calculating the total dollar amount of all securities issued under this prospectus, we will treat the initial offering price of the debt securities as the total original principal amount of the debt securities.

This prospectus may not be used to consummate a sale of securities unless it is accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

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DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

Under our certificate of incorporation, we are authorized to issue 100,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, and 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share. The following description summarizes information about our capital stock. You can obtain more comprehensive information about our capital stock by consulting our certificate of incorporation and by-laws, each as amended to date, as well as the Delaware General Corporation Law.

Common Stock

Holders of our common stock are entitled to one vote for each share held on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders and do not have cumulative voting rights. Accordingly, holders of a majority of the shares of common stock entitled to vote in any election of directors may elect all of the directors standing for election. Holders of common stock are entitled to receive proportionately any dividends as may be declared by our board of directors, subject to any preferential dividend rights of outstanding preferred stock.

In the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, the holders of our common stock are entitled to receive proportionately our net assets available after the payment of all debts and other liabilities and subject to the prior rights of any outstanding preferred stock. Holders of our common stock have no preemptive, subscription, redemption or conversion rights. The rights, preferences and privileges of holders of common stock are subject to and may be adversely affected by, the rights of the holders of shares of any series of preferred stock that we may designate and issue in the future.

The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is American Stock Transfer & Trust Co.

Preferred Stock

Under the terms of our certificate of incorporation, our board of directors is authorized to direct us to issue shares of preferred stock in one or more series without stockholder approval. Our board of directors has the discretion to determine the rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions, including voting rights, dividend rights, conversion rights, redemption privileges and liquidation preferences of each series of preferred stock. We have designated one series of preferred stock. See " Series A Preferred Stock" below.

The purpose of authorizing our board of directors to issue preferred stock and determine its rights and preferences is to eliminate delays associated with a stockholder vote on specific issuances. The issuance of preferred stock, while providing flexibility in connection with possible acquisitions, future financings and other corporate purposes, could have the effect of making it more difficult for a third party to acquire, or could discourage a third party from seeking to acquire, a majority of our outstanding voting stock.

The preferred stock of each series will rank senior to the common stock and the Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock in priority of payment of dividends and in the distribution of assets in the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, to the extent of the preferential amounts to which the preferred stock of the respective series will be entitled. Upon issuance, the shares of preferred stock will be fully paid and nonassessable, which means that its holders will have paid their purchase price in full and we may not require them to pay additional funds.

Series A Preferred Stock

On October 31, 2005, in connection with the adoption of a rights plan, which has subsequently expired, our board of directors designated 100,000 shares of preferred stock as Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock, \$0.01 par value per share, or Series A preferred stock, as set forth in the

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Certificate of Designations of Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on November 8, 2005.

Anti-Takeover Effects of Provisions of Delaware Law and Our Charter and By-Laws

We are subject to Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law. Subject to certain exceptions, Section 203 prevents a publicly-held Delaware corporation from engaging in a "business combination" with any "interested stockholder" for three years following the date that the person became an interested stockholder, unless the interested stockholder attained such status with the approval of our board of directors or unless the business combination is approved in a prescribed manner. A "business combination" includes, among other things, a merger or consolidation involving us, and the interested stockholder and the sale of more than 10% of our assets. In general, an "interested stockholder" is any entity or person beneficially owning 15% or more of our outstanding voting stock and any entity or person affiliated with or controlling or controlled by such entity or person.

Our certificate of incorporation provides that the directors elected may be removed only for cause and only by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 75% of the votes which all our stockholders would be entitled to cast in any annual election of directors. Under our certificate of incorporation, any vacancy or newly created directorships on the board of directors can be filled only by vote of a majority of our directors then in office. The limitations on the ability of our stockholders to remove directors and fill vacancies could make it more difficult for a third party to acquire, or discourage a third party from seeking to acquire, control of our company.

Our certificate of incorporation provides that any action required or permitted to be taken by our stockholders at an annual meeting or special meeting of stockholders may only be taken if it is properly brought before such meeting and may not be taken by written action in lieu of a meeting. Our certificate of incorporation and our by-laws also provide that, except as otherwise required by law, special meetings of the stockholders can only be called by our chief executive officer, president, our chairman of the board, or a majority of our board of directors. In addition, our by-laws establish an advance notice procedure for stockholder proposals to be brought before an annual meeting of stockholders, including proposed nominations of candidates for election to our board of directors. Stockholders at an annual meeting may only consider proposals or nominations specified in the notice of meeting or brought before the meeting by or at the direction of our board of directors or by a stockholder of record on the record date for the meeting, who is entitled to vote at the meeting and who has delivered timely written notice in proper form to our secretary of the stockholder's intention to bring such business before the meeting. These provisions could have the effect of delaying stockholder actions that are favored by the holders of a majority of our outstanding voting securities until the next stockholder meeting.

The Delaware General Corporation Law provides generally that the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares entitled to vote on any matter is required to amend a corporation's certificate of incorporation or by-laws, unless a corporation's certificate of incorporation or by-laws, as the case may be, requires a greater percentage. Our by-laws may be amended or repealed by a majority vote of our board of directors or by the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 75% of the votes which all our stockholders would be entitled to cast in any annual election of directors.

Potential Effects of Authorized but Unissued Stock

We have shares of common stock and preferred stock available for future issuance without stockholder approval. We may utilize these additional shares for a variety of corporate purposes, including future public offerings to raise additional capital, to facilitate corporate acquisitions or payment as a dividend on the capital stock.

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The existence of unissued and unreserved common stock and preferred stock may enable the board of directors to issue shares to persons friendly to current management or to issue preferred stock with terms that could render more difficult or discourage a third-party attempt to obtain control of us by means of a merger, tender offer, proxy contest or otherwise, thereby protecting the continuity of our management. In addition, the board has the discretion to determine designations, rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions, including voting rights, dividend rights, conversion rights, redemption privileges and liquidation preferences of each series of preferred stock, all to the fullest extent permissible under the Delaware General Corporation Law and subject to any limitations set forth in our certificate of incorporation. The purpose of authorizing the board to issue preferred stock and to determine the rights and preferences applicable to such preferred stock is to eliminate delays associated with a stockholder vote on specific issuances. The issuance of preferred stock, while providing desirable flexibility in connection with possible financings, acquisitions and other corporate purposes, could have the effect of making it more difficult for a third party to acquire, or could discourage a third party from acquiring, a majority of our outstanding voting stock.

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DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

The following description, together with the additional information we include in any applicable prospectus supplement, summarizes the material terms and provisions of the debt securities that we may offer under this prospectus. While the terms we have summarized below will apply generally to any future debt securities we may offer, we will describe the particular terms of any debt securities that we may offer in more detail in the applicable prospectus supplement. If we indicate in a prospectus supplement, the terms of any debt securities we offer under that prospectus supplement may differ from the terms we describe below.

We will issue senior debt securities under a senior indenture which we will enter into with a trustee to be named in the senior indenture. We will issue subordinated debt securities under a subordinated indenture which we will enter into with a trustee to be named in the subordinated indenture. We have filed forms of these documents as exhibits to the registration statement which includes this prospectus. We use the term "indentures" to refer to both the senior indenture and the subordinated indenture. The indentures will be qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, or the Trust Indenture Act. We use the term "trustee" to refer to either the senior trustee or the subordinated trustee, as applicable.

The following summaries of material provisions of senior debt securities, subordinated debt securities and the indentures are subject to, and qualified in their entirety by reference to, the provisions of the indenture applicable to a particular series of debt securities. Except as we may otherwise indicate, the terms of the senior indenture and the subordinated indenture are identical.

General

We will describe in the applicable prospectus supplement the following terms relating to a series of debt securities:

the title;

any limit on the amount that may be issued;

the date or dates on which the principal of the debt securities is payable and the place(s) of payment;

the rate or rates, if any, per year at which the debt securities will bear interest or the method for determining the rate or rates, and the date interest will begin to accrue, the dates interest will be payable and the regular record dates for interest payment dates of the method for determining such dates;

whether or not the debt securities will be senior or subordinated;

the place where payments will be made

the right, if any, to extend the interest payment periods and the duration of such extension;

the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which and the terms and conditions upon which, debt securities may be redeemed;

our obligation, if any, to redeem or purchase debt securities pursuant to any sinking fund and the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which, and the terms and conditions upon which, debt securities shall be redeemed or purchased, in whole or in part, pursuant to such obligation;

the form of the debt securities including the form of the certificate of authentication;

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a discussion of any material or special United States federal tax considerations applicable to the debt securities;

if other than denominations of \$1,000 or any integral multiple thereof, the denominations in which the debt securities shall be issuable;

any and all other terms with respect to the debt securities, including any terms which may be required by or advisable under United States laws or regulations or advisable in connection with the marketing of the debt securities;

whether the debt securities are issuable as a global security and, in such case, the identity of the depository;

whether the debt securities will be convertible into shares of common stock or other securities and, if so, the terms and conditions upon which such securities will be so convertible;

if other than U.S. dollars, the foreign currency in which the debt securities are denominated;

if other than the currency in which the debt securities are denominated, the currency in which payment of the principal of or interest on the debt securities shall be payable;

if the principal of or interest on the debt securities is to be payable, at our election or a holder thereof, in a currency other than that in which the debt securities are denominated, the period or periods within which, and the terms and conditions upon which, such election may be made;

if the amount of payments of principal of and interest on the debt securities of the series may be determined with reference to an index based on a currency other than that in which the debt securities of the series are denominated, the manner in which such amounts shall be determined;

if other than the principal amount thereof, the portion of the principal amount of debt securities which shall be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof; and

any events of default or covenants in addition to or in lieu of those in the indenture.

Conversion or Exchange Rights

We will set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement the terms on which a series of debt securities may be convertible into or exchangeable for common stock or other securities of ours. We will include provisions as to whether conversion or exchange is mandatory, at the option of the holder or at our option. We may include provisions pursuant to which the number of shares of common stock or other securities of ours that the holders of the series of debt securities receive would be subject to adjustment.

Consolidation, Merger or Sale

The indentures do not contain any covenant which restricts our ability to merge or consolidate, or sell, convey, transfer or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of our assets. However, any successor to or acquirer of such assets must assume all of our obligations under the indentures or the debt securities, as appropriate, and immediately after giving effect to the transaction, no default or event of default shall have occurred and be continuing.

Events of Default under the Indenture

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The following are events of default under the indentures with respect to any series of debt securities that we may issue:

if we fail to pay interest when due and our failure continues for 60 days and the time for payment has not been extended or deferred;

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if we fail to pay the principal, or premium, if any, when due and the time for payment has not been extended or delayed;

if we fail to observe or perform any other covenant contained in the debt securities or the indentures, other than a covenant specifically relating to another series of debt securities, and our failure continues for 90 days after we receive notice from the trustee or holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of the applicable series; and

if specified events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization occur.

If an event of default, other than an event of default specified in the last bullet point, with respect to debt securities of any series occurs and is continuing, the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series, by notice to us in writing, and to the trustee if notice is given by such holders, may declare the unpaid principal of, or premium, if any, on and accrued interest, if any, on the debt securities due and payable immediately. If an event of default specified in the last bullet point occurs and is continuing, the entire principal amount of, and accrued interest, if any, on each series of debt securities then outstanding shall become immediately due and payable.

The holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of an affected series may waive any default or event of default with respect to the series and its consequences, except defaults or events of default regarding payment of principal, or premium, if any, or interest, unless we have cured the default or event of default in accordance with the indenture. Any waiver shall cure the default or event of default.

Subject to the terms of the indentures, if an event of default under an indenture shall occur and be continuing, the trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under such indenture at the request or direction of any of the holders of the applicable series of debt securities, unless such holders have offered the trustee reasonable indemnity. The holders of a majority in principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series will have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the trustee, or exercising any trust or power conferred on the trustee, with respect to the debt securities of that series, provided that:

the direction so given by the holder is not in conflict with any law or the applicable indenture; and

subject to its duties under the Trust Indenture Act, the trustee need not take any action that might involve it in personal liability or might be unduly prejudicial to the holders not involved in the proceeding.

A holder of the debt securities of any series will only have the right to institute a proceeding under the indentures or to appoint a receiver or trustee, or to seek other remedies, if:

the holder has given written notice to the trustee of a continuing event of default with respect to that series;

the holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series have made written request, and such holders have offered reasonable indemnity to the trustee to institute the proceeding as trustee; and

the trustee does not institute the proceeding, and does not receive from the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of that series other conflicting directions within 60 days after the notice, request and offer.

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These limitations do not apply to a suit instituted by a holder of debt securities if we default in the payment of the principal of, or the premium, if any, or interest on, the debt securities.

We will periodically file statements with the trustee regarding our compliance with specified covenants in the indentures.

Modification of Indenture; Waiver

We and the trustee may change an indenture without the consent of any holders with respect to specific matters, including:

to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency in the indenture;

to consolidate or merge;

to provide for uncertificated securities;

to add to our covenants for the benefit of the securityholders or to surrender any rights or power in the indenture conferred upon us;

to add to, delete from or revise the conditions, limitations and restrictions on the authorized amount, terms, purposes of issue, authentication and delivery of securities;

to make any change that does not adversely affect the rights of any securityholder in any material respect; or

to provide for the issuance of and establish the form and terms and conditions of the securities, to establish the form of any certifications required under this indenture or any securities, or to add to the right of the securityholders.

In addition, under the indentures, the rights of holders of a series of debt securities may be changed by us and the trustee with the written consent of the holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of each series that is affected. However, we and the trustee may only make the following changes with the consent of each holder of any outstanding debt securities affected:

extending the fixed maturity of the series of debt securities;

reducing the principal amount, reducing the rate or extending the time of payment of interest, or any premium payable upon the redemption of any debt securities;

reducing the minimum percentage of debt securities, the holders of which are required to consent to any amendment;

changing the currency of payment of principal of or interest on any debt securities of such series;

impairing the right of holders to institute suit for the payment or conversion of any debt securities of such series on or after the due date therefor; or

waiving a default in the payment of principal of or interest on the debt securities.

Discharge

Each indenture provides that we can elect, under certain circumstances, to be discharged from our obligations with respect to one or more series of debt securities, except for obligations to:

register the transfer or exchange of debt securities of the series;

replace stolen, lost or mutilated debt securities of the series;

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maintain paying agencies;

hold monies for payment in trust;

compensate and indemnify the trustee; and

appoint any successor trustee.

In order to exercise our rights to be discharged, we must deposit with the trustee money or government obligations sufficient to pay all the principal of, any premium, if any, and interest on, the debt securities of the series on the dates payments are due.

Form, Exchange and Transfer

We will issue the debt securities of each series only in fully registered form without coupons and, unless we otherwise specify in the applicable prospectus supplement, in denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof. The indentures provide that we may issue debt securities of a series in temporary or permanent global form and as book-entry securities that will be deposited with, or on behalf of, The Depository Trust Company, New York, New York, or DTC, or another depository named by us and identified in a prospectus supplement with respect to that series. See "Legal Ownership of Securities" for a further description of the terms relating to any book-entry securities.

At the option of the holder, subject to the terms of the indentures and the limitations applicable to global securities described in the applicable prospectus supplement, the holder of the debt securities of any series can exchange the debt securities for other debt securities of the same series, in any authorized denomination and of like tenor and aggregate principal amount.

Subject to the terms of the indentures and the limitations applicable to global securities set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement, holders of the debt securities may present the debt securities for exchange or for registration of transfer, duly endorsed or with the form of transfer endorsed thereon duly executed if so required by us or the security registrar, at the office of the security registrar or at the office of any transfer agent designated by us for this purpose. Unless otherwise provided in the debt securities that the holder presents for transfer or exchange, we will not require any payment for any registration of transfer or exchange, but we may require payment of any taxes or other governmental charges.

We will name in the applicable prospectus supplement the security registrar, and any transfer agent in addition to the security registrar, that we initially designate for any debt securities. We may at any time designate additional transfer agents or rescind the designation of any transfer agent or approve a change in the office through which any transfer agent acts, except that we will be required to maintain a transfer agent in each place of payment for the debt securities of each series.

If we elect to redeem the debt securities of any series, we will not be required to:

issue, register the transfer of, or exchange any debt securities of that series during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of mailing of a notice of redemption of any debt securities that may be selected for redemption and ending at the close of business on the day of the mailing; or

register the transfer of or exchange any debt securities so selected for redemption, in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any debt securities we are redeeming in part.

Information Concerning the Trustee

The trustee, other than during the occurrence and continuance of an event of default under an indenture, undertakes to perform only those duties as are specifically set forth in the applicable indenture. Upon an event of default under an indenture, the trustee must use the same degree of care

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and skill as a prudent person would exercise or use in the conduct of his or her own affairs. Subject to this provision, the trustee is under no obligation to exercise any of the powers given to it by the indentures at the request of any holder of debt securities unless it is offered reasonable security and indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities that it might incur.

Payment and Paying Agents

Unless we otherwise indicate in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will make payment of the interest on any debt securities on any interest payment date to the person in whose name the debt securities, or one or more predecessor securities, are registered at the close of business on the regular record date for the interest payment.

We will pay principal of and any premium and interest on the debt securities of a particular series at the office of the paying agents designated by us, except that unless we otherwise indicate in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will make interest payments by check which we will mail to the holder. Unless we otherwise indicate in a prospectus supplement, we will designate the corporate trust office of the trustee in The City of New York as our sole paying agent for payments with respect to debt securities of each series. We will name in the applicable prospectus supplement any other paying agents that we initially designate for the debt securities of a particular series. We will maintain a paying agent in each place of payment for the debt securities of a particular series.

All money we pay to a paying agent or the trustee for the payment of the principal of or any premium or interest on any debt securities which remains unclaimed at the end of two years after such principal, premium or interest has become due and payable will be repaid to us, and the holder of the security thereafter may look only to us for payment thereof.

Governing Law

The indentures and the debt securities will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York, except to the extent that the Trust Indenture Act is applicable.

Subordination of Subordinated Debt Securities

Other than the terms of the subordinated indenture and subordinated debt securities relating to subordination or as otherwise described in the applicable prospectus supplement, the terms of the subordinated indenture and subordinated debt securities are identical in all material respects to the terms of the senior indenture and senior debt securities.

The subordinated debt securities will be unsecured and will be subordinate and junior in priority of payment to certain of our other indebtedness to the extent described in a prospectus supplement. The subordinated indenture does not limit the amount of subordinated debt securities which we may issue. It also does not limit us from issuing any other secured or unsecured debt.

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DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS

The following description, together with the additional information we may include in any applicable prospectus supplements, summarizes the material terms and provisions of the warrants that we may offer under this prospectus and the related warrant agreements and warrant certificates. While the terms summarized below will apply generally to any warrants that we may offer, we will describe the particular terms of any series of warrants in more detail in the applicable prospectus supplement. If we indicate in the prospectus supplement, the terms of any warrants offered under that prospectus supplement may differ from the terms described below. Specific warrant agreements will contain additional important terms and provisions and will be incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the registration statement that includes this prospectus.

General

We may issue warrants for the purchase of common stock, preferred stock or debt securities in one or more series. We may issue warrants independently or together with common stock, preferred stock and debt securities, and the warrants may be attached to or separate from these securities.

We will evidence each series of warrants by warrant certificates that we will issue under a separate agreement. We will enter into the warrant agreement with a warrant agent. Each warrant agent will be a bank that we select, which has its principal office in the United States and a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000. We will indicate the name and address of the warrant agent in the applicable prospectus supplement relating to a particular series of warrants.

Before exercising their warrants, holders of warrants will not have any of the rights of holders of the securities purchasable upon such exercise, including:

in the case of warrants to purchase debt securities, the right to receive payments of principal of, or premium, if any, or interest on, the debt securities purchasable upon exercise or to enforce covenants in the applicable indenture; or

in the case of warrants to purchase common stock or preferred stock, the right to receive dividends, if any, or, payments upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up or to exercise voting rights, if any.

Additional Information

We will describe in the applicable prospectus supplement the terms of the series of warrants, including:

the offering price and aggregate number of warrants offered;

the currency for which the warrants may be purchased;

if applicable, the designation and terms of the securities with which the warrants are issued and the number of warrants issued with each such security or each principal amount of such security;

if applicable, the date on and after which the warrants and the related securities will be separately transferable;

in the case of warrants to purchase debt securities, the principal amount of debt securities purchasable upon exercise of one warrant and the price at, and currency in which, this principal amount of debt securities may be purchased upon such exercise;

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in the case of warrants to purchase common stock or preferred stock, the number of shares of common stock or preferred stock, as the case may be, purchasable upon the exercise of one warrant and the price at which these shares may be purchased upon such exercise;

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the effect of any merger, consolidation, sale or other disposition of our business on the warrant agreement and the warrants;

the terms of any rights to redeem or call the warrants;

any provisions for changes to or adjustments in the exercise price or number of securities issuable upon exercise of the warrants;

the dates on which the right to exercise the warrants will commence and expire;

the manner in which the warrant agreement and warrants may be modified;

a discussion on any material or special United States federal income tax consequences of holding or exercising the warrants;

the terms of the securities issuable upon exercise of the warrants; and

any other specific terms, preferences, rights or limitations of or restrictions on the warrants.

Exercise of Warrants

Each warrant will entitle the holder to purchase the securities that we specify in the applicable prospectus supplement at the exercise price that we describe in the applicable prospectus supplement. Unless we otherwise specify in the applicable prospectus supplement, holders of the warrants may exercise the warrants at any time up to 5 p.m., Eastern Time, on the expiration date that we set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. After the close of business on the expiration date, unexercised warrants will become void.

Holders of the warrants may exercise the warrants by delivering the warrant certificate representing the warrants to be exercised together with specified information, and paying the required amount to the warrant agent in immediately available funds, as provided in the applicable prospectus supplement. We will set forth on the reverse side of the warrant certificate and in the applicable prospectus supplement the information that the holder of the warrant will be required to deliver to the warrant agent.

Upon receipt of the required payment and the warrant certificate properly completed and duly executed at the corporate trust office of the warrant agent or any other office indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will issue and deliver the securities purchasable upon such exercise. If fewer than all of the warrants represented by the warrant certificate are exercised, then we will issue a new warrant certificate for the remaining amount of warrants. If we so indicate in the applicable prospectus supplement, holders of the warrants may surrender securities as all or part of the exercise price for warrants.

Enforceability of Rights by Holders of Warrants

Each warrant agent will act solely as our agent under the applicable warrant agreement and will not assume any obligation or relationship of agency or trust with any holder of any warrant. A single bank or trust company may act as warrant agent for more than one issue of warrants. A warrant agent will have no duty or responsibility in case of any default by us under the applicable warrant agreement or warrant, including any duty or responsibility to initiate any proceedings at law or otherwise, or to make any demand upon us. Any holder of a warrant may, without the consent of the related warrant agent or the holder of any other warrant, enforce by appropriate legal action its right to exercise, and receive the securities purchasable upon exercise of, its warrants.

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LEGAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

We can issue securities in registered form or in the form of one or more global securities. We describe global securities in greater detail below. We refer to those persons who have securities registered in their own names on the books that we or any applicable trustee maintain for this purpose as the "holders" of those securities. These persons are the legal holders of the securities. We refer to those persons who, indirectly through others, own beneficial interests in securities that are not registered in their own names, as "indirect holders" of those securities. As we discuss below, indirect holders are not legal holders, and investors in securities issued in book-entry form or in street name will be indirect holders.

Book-Entry Holders

We may issue securities in book-entry form only, as we will specify in the applicable prospectus supplement. This means securities may be represented by one or more global securities registered in the name of a financial institution that holds them as depositary on behalf of other financial institutions that participate in the depositary's book-entry system. These participating institutions, which are referred to as participants, in turn, hold beneficial interests in the securities on behalf of themselves or their customers.

Only the person in whose name a security is registered is recognized as the holder of that security. Securities issued in global form will be registered in the name of the depositary or its nominee. Consequently, for securities issued in global form, we will recognize only the depositary as the holder of the securities, and we will make all payments on the securities to the depositary. The depositary passes along the payments it receives to its participants, which will in turn pass the payments along to their customers who are the beneficial owners. The depositary and its participants do so under agreements they have made with one another or with their customers; they are not obligated to do so under the terms of the securities.

As a result, investors in a book-entry security will not own securities directly. Instead, they will own beneficial interests in a global security, through a bank, broker or other financial institution that participates in the depositary's book-entry system or holds an interest through a participant. As long as the securities are issued in global form, investors will be indirect holders, and not holders, of the securities.

Street Name Holders

We may terminate a global security or issue securities in non-global form. In these cases, investors may choose to hold their securities in their own names or in "street name." Securities held by an investor in street name would be registered in the name of a bank, broker or other financial institution that the investor chooses, and the investor would hold only a beneficial interest in those securities through an account he or she maintains at that institution.

For securities held in street name, we will recognize only the intermediary banks, brokers and other financial institutions in whose names the securities are registered as the holders of those securities, and we will make all payments on those securities to them. These institutions pass along the payments they receive to their customers who are the beneficial owners, but only because they agree to do so in their customer agreements or because they are legally required to do so. Investors who hold securities in street name will be indirect holders, not holders, of those securities.

Legal Holders

Our obligations, as well as the obligations of any applicable trustee and of any third parties employed by us or a trustee, run only to the legal holders of the securities. We do not have obligations

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to investors who hold beneficial interests in global securities, in street name or by any other indirect means. This will be the case whether an investor chooses to be an indirect holder of a security or has no choice because we are issuing the securities only in global form.

For example, once we make a payment or give a notice to the holder, we have no further responsibility for the payment or notice even if that holder is required, under agreements with depositary participants or customers or by law, to pass it along to the indirect holders but does not do so. Similarly, we may want to obtain the approval of the holders to amend an indenture, to relieve us of the consequences of a default or of our obligation to comply with a particular provision of the indenture or for other purposes. In such an event, we would seek approval only from the holders, and not the indirect holders, of the securities. Whether and how the holders contact the indirect holders is up to the holders.

Special Considerations for Indirect Holders

If you hold securities through a bank, broker or other financial institution, either in book-entry form or in street name, you should check with your own institution to find out:

how it handles securities payments and notices;

whether it imposes fees or charges;

how it would handle a request for the holders' consent, if ever required;

whether and how you can instruct it to send you securities registered in your own name so you can be a holder, if that is permitted in the future;

how it would exercise rights under the securities if there were a default or other event triggering the need for holders to act to protect their interests; and

if the securities are in book-entry form, how the depositary's rules and procedures will affect these matters.

Global Securities

A global security is a security held by a depositary that represents one or any other number of individual securities. Generally, all securities represented by the same global securities will have the same terms.

Each security issued in book-entry form will be represented by a global security that we deposit with and register in the name of a financial institution or its nominee that we select. The financial institution that we select for this purpose is called the depositary. Unless we specify otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, DTC will be the depositary for all securities issued in book-entry form.

A global security may not be transferred to or registered in the name of anyone other than the depositary, its nominee or a successor depositary, unless special termination situations arise. We describe those situations below under "Special Situations When a Global Security will be Terminated." As a result of these arrangements, the depositary, or its nominee, will be the sole registered owner and holder of all securities represented by a global security, and investors will be permitted to own only beneficial interests in a global security. Beneficial interests must be held by means of an account with a broker, bank or other financial institution that in turn has an account with the depositary or with another institution that does. Thus, an investor whose security is represented by a global security will not be a holder of the security, but only an indirect holder of a beneficial interest in the global security.

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If the prospectus supplement for a particular security indicates that the security will be issued in global form only, then the security will be represented by a global security at all times unless and until the global security is terminated. If termination occurs, we may issue the securities through another book-entry clearing system or decide that the securities may no longer be held through any book-entry clearing system.

Special Considerations for Global Securities

As an indirect holder, an investor's rights relating to a global security will be governed by the account rules of the investor's financial institution and of the depository, as well as general laws relating to securities transfers. We do not recognize an indirect holder as a holder of securities and instead deal only with the depository that holds the global security.

If securities are issued only in the form of a global security, an investor should be aware of the following:

an investor cannot cause the securities to be registered in his or her name, and cannot obtain non-global certificates for his or her interest in the securities, except in the special situations we describe below;

an investor will be an indirect holder and must look to his or her own bank or broker for payments on the securities and protection of his or her legal rights relating to the securities, as we describe above under "Legal Holders";

an investor may not be able to sell interests in the securities to some insurance companies and to other institutions that are required by law to own their securities in non-book-entry form;

an investor may not be able to pledge his or her interest in a global security in circumstances where certificates representing the securities must be delivered to the lender or other beneficiary of the pledge in order for the pledge to be effective;

the depository's policies, which may change from time to time, will govern payments, transfers, exchanges and other matters relating to an investor's interest in a global security. We and any applicable trustee have no responsibility for any aspect of the depository's actions or for its records of ownership interests in a global security. We and the trustee also do not supervise the depository in any way;

the depository may, and we understand that DTC will, require that those who purchase and sell interests in a global security within its book-entry system use immediately available funds, and your broker or bank may require you to do so as well; and

financial institutions that participate in the depository's book-entry system, and through which an investor holds its interest in a global security, may also have their own policies affecting payments, notices and other matters relating to the securities. There may be more than one financial intermediary in the chain of ownership for an investor. We do not monitor and are not responsible for the actions of any of those intermediaries.

Special Situations When a Global Security Will Be Terminated

In a few special situations described below, the global security will terminate and interests in it will be exchanged for physical certificates representing those interests. After that exchange, the choice of whether to hold securities directly or in street name will be up to the investor. Investors must consult their own banks or brokers to find out how to have their interests in securities transferred to their own name, so that they will be direct holders. We have described the rights of holders and street name investors above.

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The global security will terminate when the following special situations occur:

if the depositary notifies us that it is unwilling, unable or no longer qualified to continue as depositary for that global security and we do not appoint another institution to act as depositary within 90 days;

if we notify any applicable trustee that we wish to terminate that global security; or

if an event of default has occurred with regard to securities represented by that global security and has not been cured or waived.

The prospectus supplement may also list additional situations for terminating a global security that would apply only to the particular series of securities covered by the prospectus supplement. When a global security terminates, the depositary, and not we or any applicable trustee, is responsible for deciding the names of the institutions that will be the initial direct holders.

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PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell securities:

through underwriters;

through dealers;

through agents;

directly to purchasers; or

through a combination of any of these methods of sale.

We may directly solicit offers to purchase securities, or agents may be designated to solicit such offers. We will, in the prospectus supplement relating to such offering, name any agent that could be viewed as an underwriter under the Securities Act, and describe any commissions that we must pay. Any such agent will be acting on a best efforts basis for the period of its appointment or, if indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, on a firm commitment basis. Agents, dealers and underwriters may be customers of, engage in transactions with, or perform services for us in the ordinary course of business.

The distribution of the securities may be effected from time to time in one or more transactions:

at a fixed price, or prices, which may be changed from time to time;

at market prices prevailing at the time of sale;

at prices related to such prevailing market prices; or

at negotiated prices.

Each prospectus supplement will describe the method of distribution of the securities and any applicable restrictions.

The prospectus supplement with respect to the securities of a particular series will describe the terms of the offering of the securities, including the following:

the name of the agent or any underwriters;

the public offering or purchase price;

any discounts and commissions to be allowed or paid to the agent or underwriters;

all other items constituting underwriting compensation;

any discounts and commissions to be allowed or paid to dealers; and

any exchanges on which the securities will be listed.

If any underwriters or agents are utilized in the sale of the securities in respect of which this prospectus is delivered, we will enter into an underwriting agreement or other agreement with them at the time of sale to them, and we will set forth in the prospectus supplement relating to such offering the names of the underwriters or agents and the terms of the related agreement with them.

If a dealer is utilized in the sale of the securities in respect of which the prospectus is delivered, we will sell such securities to the dealer, as principal. The dealer may then resell such securities to the public at varying prices to be determined by such dealer at the time of resale.

Remarketing firms, agents, underwriters and dealers may be entitled under agreements which they may enter into with us to indemnification by us against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under

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the Securities Act, and may be customers of, engage in transactions with or perform services for us in the ordinary course of business.

If so indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will authorize underwriters or other persons acting as our agents to solicit offers by certain institutions to purchase securities from us pursuant to delayed delivery contracts providing for payment and delivery on the date stated in the prospectus supplement. Each contract will be for an amount not less than, and the aggregate amount of securities sold pursuant to such contracts shall not be less nor more than, the respective amounts stated in the prospectus supplement. Institutions with whom the contracts, when authorized, may be made include commercial and savings banks, insurance companies, pension funds, investment companies, educational and charitable institutions and other institutions, but shall in all cases be subject to our approval. Delayed delivery contracts will not be subject to any conditions except that:

the purchase by an institution of the securities covered under that contract shall not at the time of delivery be prohibited under the laws of the jurisdiction to which that institution is subject; and

if the securities are also being sold to underwriters acting as principals for their own account, the underwriters shall have purchased such securities not sold for delayed delivery. The underwriters and other persons acting as our agents will not have any responsibility in respect of the validity or performance of delayed delivery contracts.

Certain of the underwriters and their associates and affiliates may be customers of, have borrowing relationships with, engage in other transactions with, and/or perform services, including investment banking services, for, us or one or more of our respective affiliates in the ordinary course of business.

In order to facilitate the offering of the securities, any underwriters may engage in transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of the securities or any other securities the prices of which may be used to determine payments on such securities. Specifically, any underwriters may overallocate in connection with the offering, creating a short position for their own accounts. In addition, to cover overallocations or to stabilize the price of the securities or of any such other securities, the underwriters may bid for, and purchase, the securities or any such other securities in the open market. Finally, in any offering of the securities through a syndicate of underwriters, the underwriting syndicate may reclaim selling concessions allowed to an underwriter or a dealer for distributing the securities in the offering if the syndicate repurchases previously distributed securities in transactions to cover syndicate short positions, in stabilization transactions or otherwise. Any of these activities may stabilize or maintain the market price of the securities above independent market levels. Any such underwriters are not required to engage in these activities and may end any of these activities at any time.

The securities may be new issues of securities and may have no established trading market. The securities may or may not be listed on a national securities exchange. We can make no assurance as to the liquidity of or the existence of trading markets for any of the securities.

LEGAL MATTERS

Unless the applicable prospectus supplement indicates otherwise, the validity of the issuance of the securities offered by this prospectus will be passed upon for us by Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP, Boston, Massachusetts.

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EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of Momenta Pharmaceuticals, Inc. appearing in Momenta Pharmaceuticals, Inc.'s Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2008 and the effectiveness of Momenta Pharmaceuticals, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2008, have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their reports thereon included therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such report given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We file reports, proxy statements and other documents with the SEC. You may read and copy any document we file with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference room.

The SEC also maintains an Internet site that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding registrants, like us, that file electronically with the SEC. The address of the SEC's Internet site is *www.sec.gov*. Our website is *www.momentapharma.com*. The information set forth on our website is not part of this prospectus.

Our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and other filings with the SEC are available, free of charge, through our website, shortly after those reports or filings are electronically filed with or furnished to the SEC. Information on our website or any other website is not incorporated by reference into this prospectus and does not constitute a part of this prospectus.

This prospectus is part of a registration statement we filed with the SEC relating to the securities we may offer. As permitted by SEC rules, this prospectus does not contain all of the information we have included in the registration statement and the accompanying exhibits and schedules we filed with the SEC. You may refer to the registration statement, exhibits and schedules for more information about us and the securities. The registration statement, exhibits and schedules are available at the SEC's Public Reference Room or through its website.

INCORPORATION OF DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

We are "incorporating by reference" in this prospectus some of the documents we file with the SEC. This means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents. The information in the documents incorporated by reference is considered to be part of this prospectus. Statements contained in documents that we file with the SEC and that are incorporated by reference in this prospectus will automatically update and supersede information contained in this prospectus, including information in previously filed documents or reports that have been incorporated by reference in this prospectus, to the extent the new information differs from or is inconsistent with the old information.

We have filed or may file the following documents with the SEC. These documents are incorporated herein by reference as of their respective dates of filing (other than, in each case, documents or information deemed to have been furnished and not filed in accordance with SEC rules):

our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008;

our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarters ended March 31, 2009, June 30, 2009 and September 30, 2009;

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our Current Reports on Form 8-K, as filed with the SEC on February 2, 2009, June 11, 2009 and September 23, 2009;

the description of our common stock which is contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act, in the form declared effective by the SEC on June 14, 2004, as amended on November 8, 2005 and August 7, 2009, including any subsequent amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description;

all documents and reports that we file pursuant to the Exchange Act after the date of filing of the initial registration statement and prior to the effectiveness of the registration statement; and

all documents and reports that we file pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this prospectus and until the offering of the securities under the registration statement is terminated are incorporated by reference herein as of the respective filing dates of these documents and reports.

You may request, orally or in writing, a copy of these documents, which will be provided to you at no cost, by contacting Momenta Pharmaceuticals, Inc., 675 West Kendall Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02142, Attention: Bruce A. Leicher, Corporate Secretary, telephone: (617) 491-9700.

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