

BRISTOW MICHAEL R  
Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â BRISTOW MICHAEL R</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O ARCA BIOPHARMA, INC.,Â 8001 ARISTA PLACE, SUITE 200</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>BROOMFIELD,Â COÂ 80021</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>01/27/2009</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>ARCA biopharma, Inc. [ABIO]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br/><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br/>(give title below) (specify below)<br/>Chief Science and Med. Officer</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br/><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Common Stock                       | 272,677  | D   | Â  |

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

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
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|                                 | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |   |
|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|---|
| Option to Purchase Common Stock | Â <u>(1)</u>     | 01/03/2010      | Common Stock | 7,394                      | \$ 0.06  | D                                     | Â |
| Option to Purchase Common Stock | Â <u>(2)</u>     | 01/22/2019      | Common Stock | 25,047                     | \$ 5.57  | D                                     | Â |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |  |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|--|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                                | Other |
| BRISTOW MICHAEL R<br>C/O ARCA BIOPHARMA, INC.<br>8001 ARISTA PLACE, SUITE 200<br>BROOMFIELD,Â COÂ 80021 | Â X           | Â         | Â Chief<br>Science and<br>Med. Officer | Â     |

## Signatures

Patrick Wheeler, attorney  
in fact 02/05/2009

  Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The options are exercisable immediately.
- (2) The options vest in equal monthly installments over a four year period from the date of grant

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