

ANTIGENICS INC /DE/

Form 8-K

April 29, 2009

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

April 29, 2009

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

**ANTIGENICS INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**DELAWARE**

**000-29089**

**06-1562417**

(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

File Number) Identification No.)

**3 Forbes Road**

**Lexington, MA**

**02421**

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip  
Code)

**781-674-4400**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



**Item 8.01** Other Events

On April 29, 2009, Antigenics Inc. announced that Oncophage<sup>®</sup> (vitespen) has been granted orphan drug status for the treatment of glioma (brain cancer) by the US Food and Drug Administration. In March, the European Medicines Agency granted a similar designation for Oncophage.

The full text of the press release issued in connection with the announcement is being furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this current report on Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01** Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

The following exhibit is furnished herewith:

99.1 Press Release dated April 29, 2009

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**ANTIGENICS INC.**

Date: April 29, 2009 By: /s/ Garo H. Armen

Garo H. Armen  
Chairman and CEO

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.   Description of Exhibit

99.1            Press Release dated April 29, 2009