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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM S-3**  
**REGISTRATION STATEMENT**  
*UNDER*  
*THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933*

**CARDIUM THERAPEUTICS, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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(State of Incorporation)

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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:** From time to time after the effective date of this Registration Statement.

If the only securities being registered on this form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

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If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act of 1933, check the following box.

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 Non-accelerated filer  (do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

### CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

**Title of Each Class of**

<b>Securities to be Registered</b>	<b>Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price</b>	<b>Amount of Registration Fee</b>
Common Stock, par value \$.001 per share <sup>(1)</sup>	(2)	
Preferred Stock	(2)	
Warrants	(2)	
Debt Securities	(2)	
Warrants	(2)	
Units	(2)	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 50,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 3,565<sup>(3)</sup></b>

- (1) Includes associated preferred stock purchase rights pursuant to the Rights Agreement dated as of July 10, 2006, between the Registrant and Computershare Trust Company, as Rights Agent.
- (2) There are being registered hereunder such indeterminate number of shares of common stock and preferred stock, such indeterminate principal amount of debt securities, such indeterminate number of warrants to purchase common stock, preferred stock or debt securities, and such indeterminate number of units, as shall have an aggregate initial offering price not to exceed \$50,000,000. If any debt securities are issued at an original issue discount, then the offering price of such debt securities shall be in such greater principal amount as shall result in an aggregate initial offering price not to exceed \$50,000,000, less the aggregate dollar amount of all securities previously issued hereunder. Any securities registered hereunder may be sold separately or as units with other securities registered hereunder. The proposed maximum initial offering price per unit will be determined, from time to time, by the registrant in connection with the issuance by the registrant of the securities registered hereunder. The securities registered also include such indeterminate number of shares of common stock and preferred stock and amount of debt securities as may be issued upon conversion of or exchange for preferred stock or debt securities that provide for conversion or exchange, upon exercise of warrants or pursuant to the anti-dilution provisions of any such securities. In addition, pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the shares being registered hereunder include such indeterminate number of shares of common stock and preferred stock as may be issuable with respect to the shares being registered hereunder as a result of stock splits, stock dividends or similar transactions.
- (3) The registration fee has been calculated in accordance with Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act of 1933.

**The Registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment that specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Securities and Exchange Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.**

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**The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities, and it is not soliciting offers to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.**

**SUBJECT TO COMPLETION, DATED AUGUST 9, 2010**

**\$50,000,000**

**Common Stock**

**Preferred Stock**

**Debt Securities**

**Warrants**

**Units**

We may offer under this prospectus from time to time, at prices and on terms to be determined at or prior to the time of the offering, up to \$50,000,000 of any combination of the securities described in this prospectus, either individually or in units. We may also offer common stock or preferred stock upon conversion of the debt securities, common stock upon conversion of the preferred stock, or common stock, preferred stock or debt securities upon the exercise of warrants. We will provide you with specific terms of any offering in one or more supplements to this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, as well as any documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus or any prospectus supplement, carefully before you invest.

Our common stock is traded on the NYSE Amex under the symbol **CXM** . On August 6, 2010, the closing sale price of our common stock was \$0.45 per share. You are urged to obtain current market quotations for the common stock. Prospective purchasers of our securities are urged to obtain current information as to the market prices of our securities, where applicable.

**Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. Before deciding whether to invest in our securities, you should consider carefully the risks that we have described in this prospectus under the caption Risk Factors starting on page 8. We may include specific risk factors in supplements to this prospectus under the caption **Risk Factors** . This prospectus may not be used to offer or sell our securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement.**

Our securities may be sold directly by us to investors, through agents designated from time to time or to or through underwriters or dealers. For additional information on the methods of sale, you should refer to the section entitled **Plan of Distribution** in this prospectus. If any underwriters are involved in the sale of our securities with respect to which this prospectus is being delivered, the names of such underwriters and any applicable commissions or discounts and over-allotment options will be set forth in a prospectus supplement. The price to the public of such

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securities and the net proceeds that we expect to receive from such sale will also be set forth in a prospectus supplement.

**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.**

The date of this prospectus is August , 2010

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**ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS**

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, utilizing a shelf registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may offer shares of our common stock and preferred stock, various series of debt securities and/or warrants to purchase any of such securities, either individually or in units, in one or more offerings, with a total value of up to \$50,000,000. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we offer a type or series of securities under this prospectus, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering.

This prospectus does not contain all of the information included in the registration statement. For a more complete understanding of the offering of the securities, you should refer to the registration statement, including its exhibits. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. However, no prospectus supplement will fundamentally change the terms that are set forth in this prospectus or offer a security that is not registered and described in this prospectus at the time of its effectiveness. This prospectus, together with the applicable prospectus supplements and the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus, includes all material information relating to this offering. **You should carefully read this prospectus, the applicable prospectus supplement, the information and documents incorporated herein by reference and the additional information under the heading *Where You Can Find More Information* before making an investment decision.**

You should rely only on the information we have provided or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information different from that contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. No dealer, salesperson or other person is authorized to give any information or to represent anything not contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. You must not rely on any unauthorized information or representation. This prospectus is an offer to sell only the securities offered hereby, but only under circumstances and in jurisdictions where it is lawful to do so. You should assume that the information in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement is accurate only as of the date on the front of the document and that any information we have incorporated herein by reference is accurate only as of the date of the document incorporated by reference, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus or any sale of a security.

**This prospectus may not be used to consummate sales of our securities, unless it is accompanied by a prospectus supplement.** To the extent there are inconsistencies between any prospectus supplement, this prospectus and any documents incorporated by reference, the document with the most recent date will control.

References to Cardium, we, us or our refer to Cardium Therapeutics, Inc.

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**SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Certain statements in this prospectus, including information incorporated by reference, are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the 33 Act, Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ( Exchange Act ), and the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements reflect current views about future events and financial performance based on certain assumptions. They include opinions, forecasts, intentions, plans, goals, projections, guidance, expectations, beliefs or other statements that are not statements of historical fact. Words such as may, will, should, could, would, expects, plans, believes, anticipates, intends, approximates, predicts, or projects, or the negative or other variation of such words, and similar expressions may identify a statement as a forward-looking statement. Any statements that refer to projections of our future financial performance, our anticipated growth and trends in our business, our goals, strategies, focus and plans, and other characterizations of future events or circumstances, including statements expressing general optimism about future operating results, are forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements in this prospectus speak only as of the date of this prospectus and caution should be taken not to place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are subject to certain events, risks, and uncertainties that may be outside of our control. When considering forward-looking statements, you should carefully review the risks, uncertainties and other cautionary statements in this prospectus as they identify certain important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed in or implied by the forward-looking statements. These factors include, among others, the risks described under Risk Factors and elsewhere in this prospectus, as well as in other reports and documents we file with the SEC.



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**PROSPECTUS SUMMARY**

*This summary highlights certain information about Cardium and its business. This summary does not contain all of the information that is important to an investment decision. You should carefully read the entire prospectus and any prospectus supplement, including Risk Factors beginning below on page 7, before deciding to invest in our common stock.*

**Our Business**

We were organized in Delaware in December 2003. Our business is focused on the acquisition and strategic development of product opportunities or businesses having the potential to address significant unmet medical needs, and definable pathways to commercialization, partnering or other monetization following the achievement of corresponding development objectives.

In October 2005, we acquired a portfolio of biologic growth factors and related delivery techniques from the Schering AG Group (now part of Bayer AG) for potential use in treating ischemic and other cardiovascular conditions, including Generx™, a product candidate being developed for patients with chronic myocardial ischemia (insufficient blood flow within the heart muscle) due to coronary heart disease.

In August 2006, we acquired rights to the assets and technologies of Tissue Repair Company, a company focused on the development of therapeutics for the potential treatment of chronic wounds and other tissue injuries. Tissue Repair Company's Excellagen™ and Excellerate™ product candidates are initially being developed for the potential treatment of chronically non-healing diabetic foot ulcers. Tissue Repair Company is operated as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cardium.

Our business model is designed to create multiple opportunities for success while avoiding reliance on any single technology platform or product type, and to leverage Cardium's skills in late-stage product development in order to bridge the critical gap between promising new technologies and product opportunities that are ready for commercialization. Consistent with our long-term strategy, we intend to consider various corporate development transactions designed to place our product candidates into larger organizations or with partners having existing commercialization, sales and marketing resources, and a need for innovative products. Such transactions could involve the sale, partnering or other monetization of particular product opportunities or businesses. In parallel, as our businesses are advanced and corresponding valuations established, we plan to pursue new product opportunities and acquisitions with strong value enhancement potential.

**Cardium Biologics**

The lead product candidate from our Cardium Biologics unit is Generx (alferminogene tadenovec, Ad5FGF-4), which is being developed as a potential treatment for myocardial ischemia (insufficient blood flow within the heart muscle) due to coronary heart disease. Generx represents a new therapeutic class of cardiovascular biologics designed to promote collateral angiogenesis, a natural process of blood vessel growth within the heart muscle, to increase blood supply to ischemic areas of the heart following a one-time intracoronary administration.

The FDA has cleared Generx for a Phase 3 clinical study in the U.S. for women with late stage coronary artery disease who are unresponsive to traditional drug therapy and are not appropriate candidates for mechanical revascularization (angioplasty/stents or by-pass surgery). However, in view of published results from an independent 10-year study among men and women with chronic coronary heart disease showing that improved collateral circulation was associated with substantially lower cardiac mortality (Circulation 116:975-983, 2007),

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and prior studies showing that a one-time infusion of Generx has the potential to achieve improved coronary collateral circulation in both men and women at levels approximately equivalent to bypass surgery as measured by SPECT imaging (Journal of American College of Cardiology 42(8):1339-1347, 2003), we believe that Generx could potentially be developed as a cost effective front-line therapy for patients with coronary artery disease in the large markets of newly-industrializing countries who often do not have access to costly procedures such as bypass surgery. We also believe that having such additional clinical evidence confirming the safety and effectiveness of Generx for improving coronary collateral circulation in men and women with severe coronary artery disease could potentially be used to optimize and broaden commercial development pathways in the U.S. and other industrialized countries.

### **Tissue Repair Company**

Our Tissue Repair Company subsidiary is focused on the development of therapeutics and devices for the potential treatment of chronic wounds such as non-healing diabetic ulcers and other wounds, as well as the repair of other tissues, including both hard tissue injuries such as bone fracture, as well as soft tissue injuries affecting ligaments, tendons or cartilage.

On December 3, 2009 our Tissue Repair Company subsidiary filed a 510(k) premarket notification filing with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for its fibrillar collagen-based Excellagen topical gel for wound healing of diabetic foot ulcers and potentially other wounds. Our 510(k) filing covers ExcellagenXL and ExcellagenFX<sup>SM</sup>, advanced wound care management medical devices comprising customized protein-based gels designed for topical application by health care professionals for patients with dermal wounds, which can include diabetic ulcers, pressure ulcers, venous ulcers, tunneled/undermined wounds, surgical and trauma wounds, second degree burns, and other types of wounds. The 510(k) submission is based in part on positive findings from our Phase 2b Matrix clinical study, reported on October 14, 2009, demonstrating substantial improvements in wound healing responses in patients with non-healing diabetic foot ulcers following one or two applications of Excellagen, an enhanced, customized collagen-based gel matrix. ExcellagenXL is designed for use by health care professionals in a clinical setting and as an adjunct to standard of care topical wound therapy, which in the case of diabetic ulcers typically includes surgical debridement and off-loading. The ExcellagenFX kit is designed for use by health care providers in a clinical setting in the treatment of larger soft tissue or tunneling wounds that may occur with pressure, venous and diabetic ulcers, as well as surgical wounds. The ExcellagenFX flowable matrix product allows for deeper administration and direct intimate contact with the wound bed in these more complex, irregular and difficult to access wounds.

For Tissue Repair Company's Excellerate product candidate, which comprises a mixture of our collagen-based gel with a biologic encoding a stimulatory growth factor (PDGF-B), we plan to introduce a combined formulation that allows for longer term stability without the need to maintain the biologic separately at -70 degrees centigrade, and to introduce the easier to use single-syringe product candidate into clinical studies designed to further evaluate the safety and effectiveness of Excellerate, and to allow for repeat dosing of Excellerate for wounds that are responding to treatment but have not yet achieved complete closure.

### **Corporate Information**

Our principal executive offices are located at 12255 El Camino Real, Suite 250, San Diego, California 92130, and our telephone number is (858) 436-1000. Our website is located at [www.cardiumthx.com](http://www.cardiumthx.com). Information on our website is not part of this prospectus.

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**Offerings Under This Prospectus**

Under this prospectus, we may offer shares of our common stock and preferred stock, various series of debt securities and/or warrants to purchase any of such securities, either individually or in units, with a total value of up to \$50,000,000, from time to time at prices and on terms to be determined by market conditions at the time of offering. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we offer a type or series of securities under this prospectus, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will describe the specific amounts, prices and other important terms of the securities, including, to the extent applicable:

designation or classification;

aggregate principal amount or aggregate offering price;

maturity, if applicable;

rates and times of payment of interest or dividends, if any;

redemption, conversion or sinking fund terms, if any;

voting or other rights, if any;

conversion prices, if any; and

important United States federal income tax considerations.

The prospectus supplement also may add, update or change information contained in this prospectus or in documents we have incorporated by reference into this prospectus. However, no prospectus supplement will fundamentally change the terms that are set forth in this prospectus or offer a security that is not registered and described in this prospectus at the time of its effectiveness.

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

We may sell the securities directly to investors or to or through agents, underwriters or dealers. We, and our agents or underwriters, reserve the right to accept or reject all or part of any proposed purchase of securities. If we offer securities through agents or underwriters, we will include in the applicable prospectus supplement:

the names of those agents or underwriters;

applicable fees, discounts and commissions to be paid to them;

details regarding over-allotment options, if any; and

the net proceeds to us.

***Common Stock.***

We may issue shares of our common stock from time to time. The holders of common stock are entitled to one vote per share on all matters to be voted upon by stockholders. Subject to preferences that may be applicable to any outstanding preferred stock, the holders of common stock are entitled to receive ratably any dividends that may be declared from time to time by our board of directors out of funds legally available for that purpose. In the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, the holders of common stock are entitled to share ratably in all assets remaining after payment of liabilities, subject to prior distribution rights of preferred stock then outstanding.

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### ***Preferred Stock***

We may issue shares of our preferred stock from time to time, in one or more series. Our board of directors may determine the rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions of the preferred stock, including dividend rights, conversion rights, preemptive rights, voting rights, terms of redemption, liquidation preferences, sinking fund terms and the number of shares constituting any series or the designation of any series. Convertible preferred stock will be convertible into our common stock. Conversion may be mandatory or at your option and would be at prescribed conversion rates. If we sell any series of preferred stock under this prospectus and applicable prospectus supplements, we will fix the rights, preferences, privileges, qualifications and restrictions of the preferred stock of such series in the certificate of designation relating to that series. We will file as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, or will incorporate by reference from a current report on Form 8-K that we file with the SEC, the form of any certificate of designation that describes the terms of the series of preferred stock we are offering before the issuance of the related series of preferred stock. We urge you to read the prospectus supplements related to the series of preferred stock being offered, as well as the complete certificate of designation that contains the terms of the applicable series of preferred stock.

### ***Debt Securities***

We may offer debt securities from time to time, in one or more series, as either senior or subordinated debt or as senior or subordinated convertible debt. The senior debt securities will rank equally with any other unsecured and unsubordinated debt. The subordinated debt securities will be subordinate and junior in priority of payment to certain of our other indebtedness to the extent described in a prospectus supplement. Convertible debt securities will be convertible into or exchangeable for our common stock or our other securities. Conversion may be mandatory or at your option and would be at prescribed conversion rates.

The debt securities will be issued under one or more documents called indentures, which are contracts between us and a national banking association or other eligible party, as trustee. In this prospectus, we have summarized certain general features of the debt securities. We will file as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, or will incorporate by reference from a current report on Form 8-K that we file with the SEC, the form of any indenture or supplemental indenture and the form of any debt securities which describes the terms of the series of debt securities being offered. We urge you to read the prospectus supplements related to the series of debt securities being offered, as well as the complete indentures that contain the terms of the debt securities.

### ***Warrants***

We may issue warrants for the purchase of common stock, preferred stock and/or debt securities, in one or more series. We may issue warrants independently or together with common stock, preferred stock and/or debt securities, and the warrants may be attached to or separate from these securities. In this prospectus, we have summarized certain general features of the warrants. We urge you, however, to read the prospectus supplements related to the particular series of warrants being offered, as well as the warrant agreements and warrant certificates that contain the terms of the warrants. Forms of the warrant agreements and forms of warrant certificates containing the terms of the warrants being offered will be incorporated by reference into the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part from a current report on Form 8-K that we file with the SEC.

We will evidence each series of warrants by warrant certificates that we will issue under a separate agreement. We will enter into the warrant agreements with a warrant agent. Each warrant agent will be a bank or trust company that we select. We will indicate the name and address of the warrant agent in the applicable prospectus supplement relating to a particular series of warrants.

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*Units*

We may issue units consisting of common stock, preferred stock, debt securities and/or warrants for the purchase of common stock, preferred stock and/or debt securities in one or more series. In this prospectus, we have summarized certain general features of the units. We urge you, however, to read the prospectus supplements related to the series of units being offered, as well as the unit agreements that contain the terms of the units. We will file as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, or will incorporate by reference from a current report on Form 8-K that we file with the SEC, the form of unit agreement and any supplemental agreements that describe the terms of the series of units we are offering before the issuance of the related series of units.

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An investment in the securities offered through this prospectus involves certain risks. Before making an investment decision, you should carefully consider the specific risk factors set forth under the caption **Risk Factors** in the applicable prospectus supplement and under the caption **Risk Factors** in our filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, incorporated by reference in this prospectus. To the extent that a particular offering implicates additional significant risks, we will include a discussion of those risks in the applicable prospectus supplement.

**DEFICIENCY OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES**

Our earnings were insufficient to cover fixed charges for each of the periods presented. Accordingly, the following table sets forth the deficiency of earnings to fixed charges for each of the periods presented. Because of the deficiency, the ratio information is not applicable. Amounts shown are in thousands.

	<b>Six Months</b>	<b>Year Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>Ended</b>			
	<b>June 30, 2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
Deficiency earnings available to cover fixed charges	\$ (1,730)	\$ (16,158)	\$ (17,602)	\$ (16,885)

For purposes of computing the deficiency of earnings available to cover fixed charges, fixed charges represent interest expense, the portion of operating lease rental expense that is considered by us to be representative of interest and amortization of discount related to indebtedness; deficiency of earnings consists of loss before income taxes.

**USE OF PROCEEDS**

Unless otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, we intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of securities offered hereby for general corporate purposes, which may include the development and commercialization of our product candidates and the acquisitions of businesses, products, technologies or licenses that are complementary to our business. For each offering of securities hereunder, the prospectus supplement relating to that offering will set forth our intended use of the net proceeds received from the sale of those securities.

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**PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION**

We may sell the securities from time to time pursuant to underwritten public offerings, negotiated transactions, block trades or a combination of these methods. We may sell the securities through underwriters or dealers, through agents, or directly to one or more purchasers. We may distribute the securities from time to time in one or more transactions:

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

at market prices prevailing at the time of sale;

at prices related to such prevailing market prices; or

at negotiated prices.

A prospectus supplement or supplements will describe the terms of the offering of the securities, including:

the name or names of the underwriters, dealers or agents, if any;

the purchase price of the securities and the proceeds we will receive from the sale;

any over-allotment options under which underwriters may purchase additional securities from us;

any agency fees or underwriting discounts and other items constituting agents' or underwriters' compensation;

any public offering price;

any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers; and

any securities exchange or market on which the securities may be listed.

Only the underwriters named in a prospectus supplement are underwriters of the securities offered by that prospectus supplement.

If underwriters are used in the sale, they will acquire the securities for their own account and may resell the securities from time to time in one or more transactions at a fixed public offering price or at varying prices determined at the time of sale. The obligations of the underwriters to purchase the securities will be subject to the conditions set forth in the applicable underwriting agreement. We may offer the securities to the public through underwriting syndicates represented by managing underwriters or by underwriters without a syndicate. Subject to certain conditions, the underwriters will be obligated to purchase all of the securities offered by the prospectus supplement. Any public offering price and any discounts or concessions allowed or reallocated or paid to dealers may change from time to time. We may use underwriters with whom we have a material relationship. We will describe in the prospectus supplement, naming the underwriter, the nature of any such relationship.



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We may sell securities directly or through agents we designate from time to time. We will name any agent involved in the offering and sale of securities and we will describe any commissions we will pay the agent in the prospectus supplement. Unless the prospectus supplement states otherwise, our agent will act on a best-efforts basis for the period of its appointment.

We may authorize agents or underwriters to solicit offers by certain types of institutional investors to purchase securities from us at the public offering price set forth in the prospectus supplement pursuant to delayed delivery contracts providing for payment and delivery on a specified date in the future. We will describe the conditions to these contracts and the commissions we must pay for solicitation of these contracts in the prospectus supplement.

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We may provide agents and underwriters with indemnification against civil liabilities related to this offering, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or contribution with respect to payments that the agents or underwriters may make with respect to these liabilities. Agents and underwriters may engage in transactions with, or perform services for, us in the ordinary course of business.

All securities we may offer, other than common stock, will be new issues of securities with no established trading market. Any underwriters may make a market in these securities, but will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue any market making at any time without notice. We cannot guarantee the liquidity of the trading markets for any securities.

Any underwriter may engage in over-allotment, stabilizing transactions, short-covering transactions and penalty bids in accordance with Regulation M under the Exchange Act. Over-allotment involves sales in excess of the offering size, which create a short position. Stabilizing transactions permit bids to purchase the underlying security so long as the stabilizing bids do not exceed a specified maximum price. Syndicate-covering or other short-covering transactions involve purchases of the securities, either through exercise of the over-allotment option or in the open market after the distribution is completed, to cover short positions. Penalty bids permit the underwriters to reclaim a selling concession from a dealer when the securities originally sold by the dealer are purchased in a covering transaction to cover short positions. Those activities may cause the price of the securities to be higher than it would otherwise be. If commenced, the underwriters may discontinue any of the activities at any time.

In compliance with guidelines of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, or FINRA, the maximum consideration or discount to be received by any FINRA member or independent broker dealer may not exceed 8% of the aggregate amount of the securities offered pursuant to this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement.

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**DESCRIPTION OF COMMON STOCK**

For a description of the material terms and provisions of our common stock, please see the applicable prospectus supplement, as well as the description of our capital stock in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on August 1, 2007, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

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**DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED STOCK**

Pursuant to our certificate of incorporation, our board of directors has the authority, without further action by the stockholders (unless such stockholder action is required by applicable law or NYSE AMEX rules), to designate and issue up to 40,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, in one or more series, to establish from time to time the number of shares to be included in each such series, to fix the powers, designations, rights and preferences of the shares of each wholly unissued series and any qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereon, and to increase or decrease the number of shares of any such series, but not below the number of shares of such series then outstanding.

We will fix the powers, designations, rights and preferences and qualifications, limitations or restrictions of the preferred stock of each series in the certificate of designation relating to that series. We will file as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, or will incorporate by reference from reports that we file with the SEC, the form of any certificate of designation that describes the terms of the series of preferred stock we are offering before the issuance of that series of preferred stock. This description will include:

the title and stated value;

the number of shares we are offering;

the liquidation preference per share;

the purchase price;

the dividend rate, period and payment date and method of calculation for dividends;

whether dividends will be cumulative or non-cumulative and, if cumulative, the date from which dividends will accumulate;

the procedures for any auction and remarketing, if any;

the provisions for a sinking fund, if any;

the provisions for redemption or repurchase, if applicable, and any restrictions on our ability to exercise those redemption and repurchase rights;

any listing of the preferred stock on any securities exchange or market;

whether the preferred stock will be convertible into our common stock, and, if applicable, the conversion price, or how it will be calculated, and the conversion period;

whether the preferred stock will be exchangeable into debt securities, and, if applicable, the exchange price, or how it will be calculated, and the exchange period;

voting rights, if any, of the preferred stock;

preemptive rights, if any;

restrictions on transfer, sale or other assignment, if any;

whether interests in the preferred stock will be represented by depositary shares;

a discussion of any material or special United States federal income tax considerations applicable to the preferred stock;

the relative ranking and preferences of the preferred stock as to dividend rights and rights if we liquidate, dissolve or wind up our affairs;

any limitations on issuance of any class or series of preferred stock ranking senior to or on a parity with the series of preferred stock as to dividend rights and rights if we liquidate, dissolve or wind up our affairs; and

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

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If we issue shares of preferred stock under this prospectus, the shares will be fully paid and non-assessable.

The General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, the state of our incorporation, provides that the holders of preferred stock will have the right to vote separately as a class (or, in some cases, as a series,) on an amendment of the certificate of incorporation if the amendment would change the par value or, unless the certificate of incorporation provided otherwise, the number of authorized shares of the class or change the powers, preferences or special rights of the class or series so as to adversely affect the class or series, as the case may be. This right is in addition to any voting rights that may be provided for in the applicable certificate of designation.

Our board of directors may authorize the issuance of preferred stock with voting or conversion rights that could adversely affect the voting power or other rights of the holders of our common stock. Preferred stock could be issued quickly with terms designed to delay or prevent a change in control of our company or make removal of management more difficult. Additionally, the issuance of preferred stock may have the effect of decreasing the market price of our common 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 provision of any 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. The terms of any debt securities we may offer under a prospectus supplement may differ from the terms described below. For any debt securities that we may offer, an indenture (and any relevant supplemental indenture) will contain additional important terms and provisions and will be incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the registration statement that includes this prospectus, or as an exhibit to a current report on Form 8-K, incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

With respect to any debt securities that we issue, we will issue such debt securities under an indenture, which we would enter into with the trustee named in the indenture. Any indenture would be qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939.

With respect to any debt securities that we issue, we will describe in each prospectus supplement the following terms relating to a series of debt securities:

the title;

the principal amount being offered, and if a series, the total amount authorized and the total amount outstanding;

any limit on the amount that may be issued;

whether or not we will issue the series of debt securities in global form, and if so, the terms and who the depository will be;

the maturity date;

the principal amount due at maturity;

whether and under what circumstances, if any, we will pay additional amounts on any debt securities held by a person who is not a United States person for tax purposes, and whether we can redeem the debt securities if we have to pay such additional amounts;

the annual interest rate, which may be fixed or variable, or the method for determining the rate and the date interest will begin to accrue, the dates interest will be payable and the regular record dates for interest payment dates or the method for determining such dates;

whether or not the debt securities will be convertible into shares of common stock or preferred stock and, if so, the terms of such conversion;

whether or not the debt securities will be secured or unsecured, and the terms of any secured debt;

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the terms of the subordination of any series of subordinated debt;

the place where payments will be payable;

restrictions on transfer, sale or other assignment, if any;

our right, if any, to defer payment or interest and the maximum length of any such deferral period;

the date, if any, after which and the conditions upon which, and the price at which, we may, at our option, redeem the series of debt securities pursuant to any optional or provisional redemption provisions and the terms of those redemptions provisions;

the date, if any, on which, and the price at which we are obligated, pursuant to any mandatory sinking fund or analogous fund provisions or otherwise, to redeem, or at the holder's option to purchase, the series of debt securities and the currency or currency unit in which the debt securities are payable;



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whether the indenture will restrict our ability to pay dividends or will require us to maintain any asset ratios or reserves;

whether we will be restricted from incurring any additional indebtedness, issuing additional securities, or entering into a merger, consolidation or sale of our business;

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

information describing any book-entry features;

provisions for a sinking fund purchase or other analogous fund, if any;

any provisions for payment of additional amounts for taxes;

whether the debt securities are to be offered at a price such that they will be deemed to be offered at an original issue discount as defined in paragraph (a) of Section 1273 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

the denominations in which we will issue the series of debt securities, if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof;

events of default;

whether we and/or the debenture trustee may change an indenture without the consent of any holders;

the form of debt security and how it may be exchanged and transferred;

description of the debenture trustee and paying agent, and the method of payments; and

any other specified terms, preferences, rights or limitations of, or restrictions on, the debt securities and any terms that may be required by us or advisable under applicable laws or regulations.

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**DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS**

We may issue warrants to purchase shares of our common stock, preferred stock and/or debt securities in one or more series together with other securities or separately, as described in the applicable prospectus supplement. Below is a description of certain general terms and provisions of the warrants that we may offer. Particular terms of the warrants will be described in the warrant agreements and the prospectus supplement relating to the warrants.

The applicable prospectus supplement will contain, where applicable, the following terms of and other information relating to the warrants:

the specific designation and aggregate number of, and the price at which we will issue, the warrants;

the currency or currency units in which the offering price, if any, and the exercise price are payable;

the designation, amount and terms of the securities purchasable upon exercise of the warrants;

if applicable, the exercise price for shares of our common stock and the number of shares of common stock to be received upon exercise of the warrants;

if applicable, the exercise price for shares of our preferred stock, the number of shares of preferred stock to be received upon exercise, and a description of that series of our preferred stock;

if applicable, the exercise price for our debt securities, the amount of debt securities to be received upon exercise, and a description of that series of debt securities;

the date on which the right to exercise the warrants will begin and the date on which that right will expire or, if you may not continuously exercise the warrants throughout that period, the specific date or dates on which you may exercise the warrants;

whether the warrants will be issued in fully registered form or bearer form, in definitive or global form or in any combination of these forms, although, in any case, the form of a warrant included in a unit will correspond to the form of the unit and of any security included in that unit;

any applicable material U.S. federal income tax consequences;

the identity of any warrant agent for the warrants and of any other depositaries, execution or paying agents, transfer agents, registrars or other agents;

the proposed listing, if any, of the warrants or any securities purchasable upon exercise of the warrants on any securities exchange;

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if applicable, the date from and after which the warrants and the common stock, preferred stock and/or debt securities will be separately transferable;

if applicable, the minimum or maximum amount of the warrants that may be exercised at any one time;

information with respect to book-entry procedures, if any;

the anti-dilution provisions of the warrants, if any;

any redemption or call provisions, if any;

whether the warrants are to be sold separately or with other securities as parts of units; and

any additional terms of the warrants, including terms, procedures and limitations relating to the exchange and exercise of the warrants.

The transfer agent and registrar for any warrants will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

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**DESCRIPTION OF UNITS**

We may issue units consisting of common stock, preferred stock, debt securities and/or warrants for the purchase of common stock, preferred stock and/or debt securities in one or more series. In this prospectus, we have summarized certain general features of the units. We urge you, however, to read the prospectus supplements related to the series of units being offered, as well as the unit agreements that contain the terms of the units. We will file as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, or will incorporate by reference from a current report on Form 8-K that we file with the SEC, the form of unit agreement and any supplemental agreements that describe the terms of the series of units we are offering before the issuance of the related series of units.

We will evidence each series of units by unit certificates that we will issue under a separate agreement. We will enter into the unit agreements with a unit agent. Each unit agent will be a bank or trust company that we select. We will indicate the name and address of the unit agent in the applicable prospectus supplement relating to a particular series of units.

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**LEGAL MATTERS**

The validity of the securities offered by this prospectus will be passed upon for us by our legal counsel, Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP.

**EXPERTS**

Marcum LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, has audited our consolidated financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, as set forth in their report, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus and elsewhere in the registration statement. Our financial statements are incorporated herein by reference in reliance on Marcum LLP's report, given on their authority as experts in accounting and auditing.

**INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE**

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference information that we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to those documents filed separately with the SEC. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus, and information that we subsequently file will automatically update and supersede information in this prospectus and in our other filings with the SEC.

We incorporate by reference into this prospectus the documents listed below, which we have already filed with the SEC, and any future filings we make under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, excluding any information in those documents that is deemed by the rules of the SEC to be furnished but not filed, until this offering is completed:

- (a) Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009, filed with the SEC on March 16, 2010;
- (b) Our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2010, filed with the SEC on May 10, 2010, and for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2010, filed with the SEC on August 9, 2010;
- (c) Our Current Reports on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on January 4, 2010, February 18, 2010, March 15, 2010, June 7, 2010, June 11, 2010, June 24, 2010 and July 12, 2010;
- (d) Our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, filed with the SEC on April 28, 2010; and
- (e) The description of our common stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed with the SEC on August 1, 2007, including all amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description.

We will provide without charge to each person to whom a copy of this prospectus is delivered, upon written or oral request of any such person, a copy of any or all of the foregoing documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus, including any exhibits that are specifically incorporated by reference in such documents. Requests should be made to:

Dennis M. Mulroy, Chief Financial Officer

Cardium Therapeutics, Inc.

12255 El Camino Real, Suite 250

San Diego, California 92130

(858) 436-1000

You should rely only on the information provided or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any supplement to this prospectus. You should not assume that the information in this prospectus is accurate as of any date other than the date on the front cover of the document.



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**WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION**

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other documents with the SEC. You may read and copy any document we file at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. Our SEC filings are also available to you on the SEC's Internet site at <http://www.sec.gov>. In addition, electronic copies of our most recently filed reports are available through our website at <http://www.cardiumthx.com>.

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the SEC. This prospectus, which is a part of the registration statement, does not contain all of the information contained in the registration statement, including the exhibits to the registration statement. You can obtain a copy of the registration statement from the SEC at the address listed above or from the SEC's Internet site.

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The following table sets forth the costs and expenses to be incurred in connection with the issuance and distribution of the securities being registered hereby, other than underwriting discounts and commissions. Cardium Therapeutics, Inc. will bear all of such expenses. All amounts shown are estimates except the SEC registration fee.

SEC registration fee	\$ 3,565
Legal fees and expenses	35,000
Printing expenses	15,000
Accounting fees and expenses	4,500
Transfer Agent fees and expenses	5,500
Trustee fees and expenses	7,000
Miscellaneous expenses	4,465
 Total	 \$ 75,000

**Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers**

Cardium's certificate of incorporation provides that it may indemnify, to the full extent authorized or permitted by law, any person made, or threatened to be made, a defendant or witness to any action, suit or proceeding (whether civil or criminal or otherwise) by reason of the fact that he, his testator or intestate, is or was director or officer of Cardium or by reason of the fact that such director or officer, at the request of Cardium, is or was serving any other corporation, partnership, joint venture, employee benefit plan or other enterprise, in any capacity. Under Delaware law, a director or officer who has been successful on the merits or otherwise in defense of any action, suit or proceeding or in defense of any claim, issue or matter therein shall be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred. In other circumstances, a director, officer, employee or agent of Cardium may be indemnified against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred if he or she acted in good faith and in a manner he or she reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of Cardium. The bylaws of Cardium provide that costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred by or on behalf of a director, officer, employee or agent of Cardium in defending or investigating any action, suit, proceeding or investigation shall be paid by Cardium in advance of the final disposition of such matter, if such director, officer, employee or agent undertakes in writing to repay any such advances if it is ultimately determined that he or she was not entitled to indemnification.

Cardium's certificate of incorporation further provides that Cardium may buy and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of Cardium, or is serving at the request of Cardium as a director, officer, employee or agent of any corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in any such capacity, or arising out of his status as such, whether or not Cardium would have the power to indemnify him against such liability under the provisions of the law. Cardium has in effect a directors and officers liability insurance policy protecting its directors and officers against liability by reason of their being or having been directors or officers of Cardium.

Under the terms of Cardium's charter, no director of Cardium shall be personally liable to Cardium or its stockholders for monetary damages for any breach of fiduciary duty by such a director as a director. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a director shall be liable to the extent provided by applicable law (i) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to Cardium or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith



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or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) for any unlawful payment of dividends or unlawful stock purchase or redemption, or (iv) for any transaction from which such director derived an improper personal benefit.

Cardium has entered into indemnification agreements with each of its directors and anticipates that it will enter into similar arrangements with any future directors. Cardium may also enter into similar arrangements with certain of its officers who are not also directors. Generally, the indemnification agreements attempt to provide the maximum protection permitted by Delaware law with respect to indemnification of directors.

### **Item 16. Exhibits**

See the exhibit index immediately following the signature page to this registration statement.

### **Item 17. Undertakings**

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the Calculation of Registration Fee table in the effective registration statement.

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

*Provided, however, that:* Paragraphs (1)(i), (1)(ii) and (1)(iii) of this section do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to section 13 or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(4) [Not applicable]

(5) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:

(i) If the registrant is relying on Rule 430B:

(A) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and



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(B) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date; or

(ii) If the registrant is subject to Rule 430C, each prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) as part of a registration statement relating to an offering, other than registration statements relying on Rule 430B or other than prospectuses filed in reliance on Rule 430A, shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the date it is first used after effectiveness. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such first use, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such date of first use.

(6) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities:

The undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

(i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;

(ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;

(iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and

(iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to section 13(a) or section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

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(h) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

(i) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that:

(1) For purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, the information omitted from the form of prospectus filed as part of this registration statement in reliance upon Rule 430A and contained in a form of prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(1) or (4) or 497(h) under the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of this registration statement as of the time it was declared effective.

(2) For the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each post-effective amendment that contains a form of prospectus shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes to file an application for the purpose of determining the eligibility of the trustee to act under subsection (a) of section 310 of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 ( Act ) in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the Commission under section 305(b)(2) of the Act.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of San Diego, State of California, on August 9, 2010.

**CARDIUM THERAPEUTICS, INC.**

By: /s/ CHRISTOPHER J. REINHARD  
**Christopher J. Reinhard**

**Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, President and Treasurer**

**(principal executive officer)**

By: /s/ DENNIS M. MULROY  
**Dennis M. Mulroy**

**Chief Financial Officer**

**(principal accounting and financial officer)**

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Each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Christopher J. Reinhard, his true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, acting alone, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement, and any registration statement of the same offering which is effective upon filing pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Commission, granting unto said attorney-in-fact and agent full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in connection therewith, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all said attorney-in-fact and agent, acting alone, or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ CHRISTOPHER J. REINHARD  <b>Christopher J. Reinhard</b>	Chairman, Chief Executive Officer, President and Treasurer	August 9, 2010
/s/ DENNIS M. MULROY  <b>Dennis M. Mulroy</b>	Chief Financial Officer	August 9, 2010
/s/ TYLER M. DYLAN-HYDE  <b>Tyler M. Dylan-Hyde</b>	Director, Chief Business Officer, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary	August 9, 2010
/s/ EDWARD M. GABRIELSON  <b>Edward M. Gabrielson</b>	Director	August 9, 2010
/s/ MURRAY H. HUTCHINSON  <b>Murray H. Hutchinson</b>	Director	August 9, 2010
/s/ GERALD J. LEWIS  <b>Gerald J. Lewis</b>	Director	August 9, 2010
/s/ LON EDWARD OTREMBIA  <b>Lon Edward Otremba</b>	Director	August 9, 2010
/s/ ANDREW M. LEITCH  <b>Andrew M. Leitch</b>	Director	August 9, 2010

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<b>Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Incorporated By Reference to</b>
1.1	Form of Underwriting Agreement	[To be filed by amendment or by a report filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, if applicable, and incorporated by reference herein]
3.1	Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant as filed with the Delaware Secretary of State on January 13, 2006	Exhibit 3(i) of the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (File No. 333-131104), filed with the SEC on January 18, 2006
3.2	Amended and Restated By-laws of the Registrant as adopted on January 12, 2006	Exhibit 3(i) of the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form SB-2 (File No. 333-131104), filed with the SEC on January 18, 2006
4.1	Form of the Registrant's Common Stock Certificate	Exhibit 4.5 of the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005, filed with the SEC on March 31, 2006
4.2	Rights Agreement dated as of July 10, 2006, between Cardium Therapeutics, Inc. and Computershare Trust Company, Inc., as Rights Agent	Exhibit 4.1 of the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed with the SEC on July 11, 2006
4.3	Form of Rights Certificate	Exhibit 4.2 of the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed with the SEC on July 11, 2006
4.4	Certificate of Designation of Preferred Stock and Form of Preferred Stock Certificate	[To be filed by amendment or by a report filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, if applicable, and incorporated by reference herein]
4.5	Form of Debt Indenture	[To be filed by amendment or by a report filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, if applicable, and incorporated by reference herein]
4.6	Form of Note	[To be filed by amendment or by a report filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, if applicable, and incorporated by reference herein]
4.7	Form of Warrant Agreement and Warrant Certificate	[To be filed by amendment or by a report filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, if applicable, and incorporated by reference herein]
5.1	Opinion of Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP	Filed herewith
12.1	Statement of Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges	Filed herewith
23.1	Consent of Marcum LLP	Filed herewith

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**Exhibit**

<b>Number</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Incorporated By Reference to</b>
23.2	Consent of Sheppard Mullin Richter & Hampton LLP	Filed herewith (included in Exhibit 5.1)
24.1	Power of Attorney	Included on the signature page hereto
25.1	Statement of Eligible Trustee on Form T-1	[To be filed by amendment or by a report filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, if applicable, and incorporated by reference herein]