ARATANA THERAPEUTICS, INC. Form 8-A12B May 31, 2013

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549** 

#### FORM 8-A

# FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) OR (g) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

### ARATANA THERAPEUTICS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State of incorporation 38-3826477 (I.R.S. Employer

or organization)

Identification No.)

1901 Olathe Boulevard

66103

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Kansas City, KS (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class

Name of each exchange on which

to be so registered Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share each class is to be registered The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c), check the following box. x

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d), check the following box.

Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: 333-187372

Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

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#### Item 1. Description of Registrant's Securities to be Registered.

The description of the Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of the Registrant set forth under the heading Description of Capital Stock in the prospectus included in the Registrant s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-187372) as originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 20, 2013 and as subsequently amended (the <u>Registration Statement</u>), is hereby incorporated by reference. Any form of prospectus that constitutes part of the Registration Statement and is subsequently filed by the Registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, shall be deemed incorporated herein by reference.

#### Item 2. Exhibits.

Pursuant to the Instructions as to Exhibits for Form 8-A, no exhibits are required to be filed because no other securities of the Registrant are registered on The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC and the securities registered hereby are not being registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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#### **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 31, 2013 ARATANA THERAPEUTICS, INC.

By: /s/ Steven St. Peter Steven St. Peter, M.D.

President and Chief Executive Officer