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PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT

(To Prospectus dated December 19, 2007)

**1,670,190 Shares and
 Warrants to Purchase 584,567 Shares of
 Common Stock**

We are offering up to 1,670,190 shares of our common stock and warrants to purchase up to 584,567 shares of our common stock (and the shares of common stock issuable from time to time upon exercise of those warrants) directly to investors. Purchasers will receive warrants to purchase 0.35 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$2.00 per share for each share of common stock they purchase in this offering. The shares of common stock and warrants will be issued separately. See "Plan of Distribution" beginning on page S-6 of this prospectus supplement for more information regarding these arrangements.

Our common stock is traded on the American Stock Exchange under the symbol "CXM". On July 17, 2008, the closing sale price of our common stock was \$2.20 per share.

We have retained Empire Asset Management Company to act as a placement agent for us in connection with the shares and warrants offered by this prospectus supplement.

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 S-2 of this prospectus supplement.

| | Per Unit | Total |
|----------------------------------|----------|--------------|
| Public Offering Price | \$ 2.00 | \$ 3,340,380 |
| Placement Agent's Fee | \$ 0.13 | \$ 217,125 |
| Proceeds, before expenses, to us | \$ 1.87 | \$ 3,123,255 |

The placement agent is not purchasing or selling any securities pursuant to this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus, nor is it required to sell any specific number or dollar amount of the shares of common stock and warrants offered hereby, but will use their reasonable efforts to sell the shares of common stock and warrants offered. We expect that delivery of the shares of common stock and warrants being offered under this prospectus supplement will be made to investors on or about July 18, 2008.

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 July 18, 2008

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| The purpose of this prospectus supplement is to provide supplemental information regarding Cardium Therapeutics, Inc. in connection with this offering. You should read this prospectus supplement, along with the accompanying base prospectus, carefully before you invest. Both documents contain important information you should consider when making your investment decision. This prospectus supplement adds, updates and changes information contained in the accompanying base prospectus. | |

You should rely only on information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information that is different from that contained in this prospectus supplement or the accompanying base prospectus. We are offering securities only in jurisdictions where such offers are permitted. The information contained in this prospectus supplement is accurate only as of the date of this prospectus supplement, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus supplement.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, utilizing a shelf registration process. Each time we sell securities under the accompanying base prospectus we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering, including the price, the amount of securities being offered and the plan of distribution. The shelf registration statement was declared effective by the SEC on December 19, 2007. This prospectus supplement describes the specific details regarding this offering, including the price, the amount of common stock and warrants being offered, the risks of investing in our common stock and the placement agent arrangements. The accompanying base prospectus provides general information about us, some of which, such as the section entitled Plan of Distribution, may not apply to this offering.

If information in this prospectus supplement is inconsistent with the accompanying base prospectus or the information incorporated by reference, you should rely on this prospectus supplement. This prospectus supplement, together with the base prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the base prospectus, includes all material information relating to this offering. **You should carefully read this prospectus supplement, the base prospectus, 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.**

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

PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

This summary highlights information contained elsewhere in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying base prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference. This summary does not contain all of the information that you should consider before deciding to invest in our securities. You should read this entire prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus carefully, including the section entitled Risk Factors beginning on page S-2 and our consolidated financial statements and the related notes and the other information incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus before making an investment decision.

Our Business

We are a medical technology company primarily focused on the development and commercialization of novel biologic therapeutics and medical devices for cardiovascular and ischemic disease. Since we were initially funded in October 2005, we have made three strategic acquisitions and assembled a portfolio of innovative late-stage cardiovascular and regenerative medicine product candidates, together with medical devices having U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) clearances that are marketed and sold through our direct sales force. We have established a pipeline of innovative products that are divided into three operating units, Cardium Biologics, InnerCool Therapies, Inc. and the Tissue Repair Company.

As our current products and product candidates become successfully advanced, we intend to continue to pursue opportunistic acquisitions designed to enhance long-term stockholder value. At the same time, as technologies and product candidates are advanced and businesses are further developed, we may consider various corporate development transactions to enhance and monetize stockholder value such as corporate partnerings, spin-out transactions and equity distribution.

The Offering

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| Common stock offered | Up to 1,670,190 shares at a purchase price of \$2.00 per share |
| Warrants to purchase common stock | For every share purchased, we will issue a warrant to purchase 0.35 shares of our common stock at an exercise price of \$2.00 per share, as a result of which up to 584,567 of such warrants will be outstanding immediately following this offering. |
| Common stock to be outstanding immediately following this offering | Up to 46,930,629 shares, assuming none of the warrants are exercised. |
| Use of proceeds | 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 |

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our business. See Use of Proceeds on page

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Warrant terms The warrants will have a term of five years and will be exercisable at a price of \$2.00 per share of common stock.

American Stock Exchange CXM

Symbol

The number of shares of our common stock to be outstanding immediately after this offering is based on 45,260,439 shares of our common stock outstanding as of July 17, 2008.

The number of shares of our common stock outstanding immediately after this offering excludes:

Up to 584,567 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants, with an exercise price of \$2.00 per share, which are being offered by this prospectus supplement;

Up to 100,211 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants, with an exercise price per share equal to the per share closing price of our common stock on the date we close this offering, issuable to the placement agent in connection with this offering;

Up to 7,416,410 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of warrants outstanding on July 17, 2008, all of which are exercisable at prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$3.78 per share; 5,987,541 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of options and employee warrants outstanding as of July 17, 2008, of which approximately 3,690,514 shares are exercisable; and

1,268,356 shares of common stock available for future grants under our stock option plans as of July 17, 2008.

RISK FACTORS

Investing in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. Before purchasing our common stock, you should carefully consider the following risk factors as well as all other information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference, including our consolidated financial statements and the related notes. The risks and uncertainties described below are not the only ones facing us. Additional risks and uncertainties that we are unaware of, or that we currently deem immaterial, also may become important factors that affect us. If any of the following risks occur, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially and adversely affected. In that case, the trading price of our common stock could decline, and you may lose some or all of your investment.

Risks Related to this Offering

You will experience immediate dilution in the book value per share of the common stock you purchase.

Because the price per share of our common stock being offered is substantially higher than the book value per share of our common stock, you will suffer substantial dilution in the net tangible book value of the common stock you purchase in this offering. Based on an assumed offering price to the public of \$2.00 per share, if you purchase shares of common stock in this offering, you will suffer immediate and substantial dilution of \$1.87 per share in the net tangible book value of the common stock. See the section entitled "Dilution" below for a more detailed discussion of the dilution you will incur if you purchase common stock in this offering.

Our publicly filed reports are subject to review by the SEC, and any significant changes or amendments required as a result of any such review may result in material liability to us and may have a material adverse impact on the trading price of our common stock.

The reports of publicly traded companies are subject to review by the SEC from time to time for the purpose of assisting companies in complying with applicable disclosure requirements, and the SEC is required to undertake a comprehensive review of a company's reports at least once every three years under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. SEC reviews may be initiated at any time. We could be required to modify, amend or reformulate information contained in prior filings as a result of an SEC review. Any modification, amendment or reformulation of

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information contained in such reports could be significant and result in material liability to us and have a material adverse impact on the trading price of our common stock.

Additional Risks Related to our Business, Industry and an Investment in our Common Stock

For a discussion of additional risks associated with our business, our industry and an investment in our common stock, see the section entitled Risk Factors in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, as filed with the Securities and

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Exchange Commission on March 14, 2008, as well as the disclosures contained in documents filed by us thereafter pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which are incorporated by reference into, and deemed to be a part of, the accompanying prospectus.

SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements in this prospectus supplement, 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, in, 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 supplement speak only as of the date of this prospectus supplement 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.

USE OF PROCEEDS

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.

DILUTION

If you invest in our common stock, your interest will be diluted by an amount equal to the difference between the public offering price and the net tangible book value per share of common stock after this offering. We calculate net tangible book value per share by dividing our net tangible book value (total assets less intangible assets and total liabilities) by the number of outstanding shares of common stock.

Our net tangible book value at March 31, 2008 was \$2,549,000, or \$0.06 per share of common stock. After giving effect to the sale of 1,670,190 shares of common stock and warrants to purchase 584,567 shares of common stock in this offering at the price of \$2.00 per share, and our receipt of the net proceeds from the sale of those shares (excluding any proceeds received upon exercise of warrants), our adjusted net tangible book value at March 31, 2008 would have been \$5,672,000, or \$0.13 per share. This represents an immediate increase in pro forma net tangible book value of \$0.07 per share to existing shareholders and an immediate and substantial dilution of \$1.87 per share to new investors. The following table illustrates this per share dilution:

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| Public offering price per unit | \$ 2.00 |
| Net tangible book value per share at March 31, 2008 | \$ 0.06 |
| Increase in net tangible book value per share attributable to offering | \$ 0.07 |
| Pro forma net tangible book value per share as March 31, 2008, after giving effect to the offering | \$ 0.13 |
| Dilution per share to new investors in the offering | \$ 1.87 |

These calculations exclude:

Up to 584,567 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants, with an exercise price of \$2.00 per share, which are being offered by this prospectus supplement;

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Up to 100,211 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrants, with an exercise price per share equal to the per share closing price of our common stock on the date we close this offering, issuable to the placement agent in connection with this offering;

7,416,410 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of warrants outstanding on July 17, 2008, all of which are exercisable at prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$3.78 per share; 5,987,541 shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of options and employee warrants outstanding as of July 17, 2008, of which approximately 3,690,514 shares are exercisable; and

1,268,356 shares of common stock available for future grants under our stock option plans as of July 17, 2008.

DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS

The following summary of certain terms and provisions of the warrants is qualified in its entirety by reference to the detailed provisions of the warrants, the form of which will be filed as an exhibit to a current report on Form 8-K that will be incorporated herein by reference.

Each warrant represents the right to purchase one share of common stock at an exercise price of \$2.00 per share. Each warrant may be exercised any time after issuance and before the fifth anniversary of its date of issuance.

Exercise. Holders of the warrants may exercise their warrants to purchase shares of our common stock for cash on or before the expiration date by delivering an exercise notice, appropriately completed and duly signed, and payment of the exercise price for the number of shares to which the warrant is being exercised. Warrants may be exercised in whole or in part, but only for full shares of common stock, and any portion of a warrant not exercised prior to the expiration date shall be and become void and of no value. We provide certain buy-in rights to a holder if we fail to deliver the shares of common stock underlying the warrants by the third trading day after the date on which delivery of such stock certificate is required by the warrant. The buy-in rights apply if after such third trading day, but prior to cure by us, the holder purchases (in an open market transaction or otherwise) shares of our common stock to deliver in satisfaction of a sale by the holder of the warrant shares that the holder anticipated receiving from us upon exercise of the warrant. In this event, we will:

pay in cash to the holder the amount by which (x) the holder's total purchase price (including brokerage commissions, if any) for the shares of common stock the holder purchased exceeds (y) the amount obtained by multiplying (A) the number of shares of common stock that we were required to deliver to the holder in connection with the exercise at issue times (B) the price at which the sell order giving rise to such purchase obligation was executed; and

at the option of the holder, either reinstate the portion of the warrant and equivalent number of shares of common stock for which such exercise was not honored or deliver to the holder the number of shares of common stock that would have been issued had we timely complied with our exercise and delivery obligations under the warrant.

In addition, the warrant holders are entitled to a cashless exercise option if, at any time of exercise, there is no effective registration statement registering, or no current prospectus available for, the issuance of the shares underlying the warrants. This option entitles the warrant holder to elect to receive fewer shares of common stock without paying the cash exercise price. The number of shares to be issued would be determined by a formula based on the total number of shares to which the warrant holder is entitled, the fair market value of the common stock on the date of exercise and the applicable exercise price of the warrants.

The shares of common stock issuable on exercise of the warrants will be, when issued in accordance with the warrants, duly and validly authorized, issued and fully paid and non-assessable. We will authorize and reserve at least that number of shares of common stock equal to the number of shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of all outstanding warrants.

Fundamental Transaction. If, at any time while the warrant is outstanding, (1) we effect any merger or consolidation with or into another person or entity, (2) we effect any sale of all or substantially all of our assets in one or a series of related transactions, (3) any tender offer or exchange offer (whether by us or another person or entity) is completed pursuant to which holders of common stock are permitted to tender or exchange their shares for other securities, cash or property, or (4) we effect any reclassification of the common stock or any compulsory share exchange pursuant to which the common stock is effectively converted into or exchanged for other securities, cash or property (in any such case, a Fundamental Transaction), then the holder shall have the right thereafter to receive, upon exercise of the warrant, the same amount and kind of

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securities, cash or property as it would have been entitled to receive upon the occurrence of such Fundamental Transaction if it had been, immediately prior to such Fundamental Transaction, the holder of the number of warrant shares then issuable upon exercise of the warrant (the Alternate Consideration). Notwithstanding the foregoing, upon a Fundamental Transaction that is an all cash transaction, a Rule 13e-3 transaction as defined in Rule 13e-3 under the

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Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or a Fundamental Transaction involving a person or entity not traded on a national securities exchange, the Nasdaq Global Select Market, the Nasdaq Global Market or the Nasdaq Capital Market, at the holder's option, we (or the successor entity) shall pay the holder in cash in an amount equal to the Black-Scholes Value (as defined in the warrant) of the remaining unexercised portion of the warrant.

Delivery of Certificates. Upon the holder's exercise of a warrant, we will issue and deliver a certificate for the shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the warrant within three trading days of our receipt of notice of exercise, surrender of the warrant (if required) and payment of the aggregate exercise price. If we fail for any reason to so deliver to the certificates by such third trading day, we will pay to the holder, in cash, as liquidated damages and not as a penalty, for each \$1,000 of shares subject to such exercise, \$10 per trading day (increasing to \$20 per trading day on the fifth trading day after such liquidated damages begin to accrue) until such certificates are delivered.

Certain Adjustments. The exercise price and the number of shares of common stock purchasable upon the exercise of the warrants are subject to adjustment upon the occurrence of specific events, including stock dividends, stock splits, and combinations of our common stock.

In addition, if while the warrant is outstanding we sell or grant any option to purchase, or sell or grant any right to reprice, or otherwise dispose of or issue (or announce any offer, sale, grant or any option to purchase or other disposition) any shares of common stock or Common Stock Equivalents as defined in the warrant (a Subsequent Equity Sale) entitling any person to acquire shares of common stock, at an effective price per share less than the then exercise price of the warrant, then the exercise price will be reduced (and only reduced) to equal such lower price and the number of shares of common stock issuable under the warrant shall be increased such that the aggregate exercise price payable under the warrant, after taking into account the decrease in the exercise price, shall be equal to the aggregate exercise price prior to such adjustment. This adjustment right will expire upon two-year anniversary of the issuance of the warrant.

Additional Provisions. We are not required to issue fractional shares upon the exercise of the warrants. No holders of the warrants will possess any rights as a shareholder under those warrants until the holder exercises those warrants. The warrants may be transferred independent of the common stock they were issued with, on a form of assignment, subject to all applicable laws.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We have entered into a placement agency agreement with Empire Asset Management Company pursuant to which Empire Asset Management Company is acting as our exclusive placement agent and will use reasonable efforts to arrange for the sale to qualified investors of up to 1,670,190 shares and warrants to purchase up to 584,567 shares we are offering by this prospectus supplement. The placement agent has no obligation to buy any of the common stock and warrants from us, nor is it required to arrange the purchase or sale of any specific number or dollar amount of the common stock and warrants.

The placement agency agreement provides that the obligations of the placement agent is subject to certain conditions precedent, including the absence of a stop order suspending the effectiveness of the registration statement of which this prospectus supplement and the accompanying base prospectus are a part, the absence of any material adverse change in our business and the receipt of certain customary opinions, letters and certificates. We will enter into purchase agreements directly with the investors in connection with this offering.

We currently anticipate the closing of the sale of the common stock and warrants on or about July 18, 2008. On such closing date, the following will occur:

we will receive funds in the amount of the aggregate purchase price of the securities being sold by us on such closing date, less the amount of the placement agent's fee we are paying to the placement agent and certain investor expenses we agreed to reimburse;

we will deliver the warrants being sold on such closing date in certificated form and shares of common stock being sold on such closing date in book-entry form; and

we will pay Empire Asset Management Company a placement agent fee in accordance with the terms of the placement agency agreement.

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We have agreed to pay the placement agent a cash fee equal to 6.5% of the gross proceeds of the offering and to issue the placement agent warrants to purchase the number of shares of common stock equal to 6.0% of the aggregate shares of common stock sold in this offering. As a result, assuming all of the securities offered pursuant to this prospectus supplement are issued and sold by us, we will pay the placement agent a cash fee equal to \$217,125 and issue the placement agent warrants to purchase an aggregate of 100,211 shares of common stock. The warrants issued to the placement agent will be

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substantially identical to the warrants offered by this Prospectus Supplement, except that the warrants issued to the placement agent will have an exercise price per share equal to the closing price per share of our common stock on the date we close the sale of the common stock and warrants offered by this prospectus supplement and will not be subject to adjustment for Subsequent Equity Sales (see Description of Warrants Certain Adjustments). In no event will the maximum commission or discount to be received by any Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) member or independent broker-dealer exceed 8% for the sale of the securities registered herein.

There is no minimum offering amount required as a condition to closing in this offering. Accordingly, we may sell substantially fewer than 1,670,190 shares and warrants to purchase 584,567 shares of common stock, in which case our net proceeds would be substantially reduced and the total fee payable to the placement agent may be substantially less than the maximum total set forth above.

The shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of the placement agent warrants to be issued to Empire Asset Management Company at closing will be subject to a 180-day lock-up agreement in accordance with the requirements of FINRA Rule 2710(g)(1) and will not be sold, pledged, assigned, transferred or hypothecated for a period of 180 days from the effective date of this prospectus except in accordance with the requirements of FINRA Rule 2710(g)(2). The foregoing warrants are items of value received in connection with the offering under FINRA Rule 2710.

We have agreed to indemnify the placement agent against certain liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, arising from the placement agent's engagement as exclusive placement agent in connection with this offering. We have also agreed to contribute to payments the placement agent may be required to make in respect of such liabilities.

The placement agency agreement with the placement agent will be filed as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K that will be filed with the SEC in connection with the consummation of this offering.

The placement agent has informed us that it will not engage in over-allotment, stabilizing transactions or syndicate covering transactions in connection with this offering.

The placement agent may, from time to time, engage in transactions with and perform services for us in the ordinary course of its business.

LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the securities offered by this prospectus supplement will be passed upon for us by our legal counsel, Bell, Boyd & Lloyd, LLP, San Diego, California.

EXPERTS

Marcum & Kliegman LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, has audited our consolidated financial statements and schedule included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007, as set forth in their report, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and elsewhere in the registration statement. Our financial statements and schedule are incorporated by reference in reliance on Marcum & Kliegman 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, 2007, filed with the SEC on March 14, 2008;

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- (b) Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2008, filed with the SEC on May 9, 2008;
- (c) Our Current Reports on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on January 31, 2008, February 1, 2008, March 12, 2008, March 19, 2008, April 2, 2008, April 16, 2008, June 20, 2008, June 30, 2008 and July 15, 2008;
- (d) Our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, filed with the SEC on April 25, 2008; 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.

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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.

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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\$50,000,000

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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 American Stock Exchange under the symbol **CXM**. On December 6, 2007, the closing sale price of our common stock was \$2.45 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 6. 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 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 December 19, 2007

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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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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 6, before deciding to invest in our common stock.

Our Business

We are a medical technology company primarily focused on the development and commercialization of novel biologic therapeutics and medical devices for cardiovascular and ischemic disease. Since we were initially funded in October 2005, we have made three strategic acquisitions and assembled a portfolio of innovative late-stage cardiovascular and regenerative medicine product candidates, together with medical devices having U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) clearances that are marketed and sold through our direct sales force. We have established a pipeline of innovative products that are divided into three operating units, Cardium Biologics, InnerCool Therapies, Inc. and the Tissue Repair Company.

As our current products and product candidates become successfully advanced, we intend to continue to pursue opportunistic acquisitions designed to enhance long-term stockholder value. At the same time, as technologies and product candidates are advanced and businesses are further developed, we may consider various corporate development transactions to enhance and monetize stockholder value such as corporate partnerings, spin-out transactions and equity distribution.

Cardium Biologics

The following describes the leading product candidates in Cardium Biologic s drug development pipeline:

GenerxTM (alferminogene tadenovec). Our lead product candidate, Generx, is a late-stage DNA-based growth factor therapeutic that is in a new class of cardiovascular biologics being developed to leverage the body s natural healing processes in response to repeated ischemic stress (insufficient blood flow and myocardial oxygen supply due to coronary heart disease). Generx is being developed as a one-time treatment to promote and stimulate the growth of collateral circulation in the hearts of patients with ischemic conditions such as recurrent angina. The natural biologic response to repeated transient ischemia is angiogenesis, the growth of new collateral blood vessels, which is orchestrated by a complex and not fully understood cascade involving many myocardial-derived growth factors. These newly formed vessels can effectively augment blood flow and oxygen delivery to parts of the patient s heart downstream from a blockage in a coronary artery. In many patients however, including those with recurrent angina, coronary collateral vessel formation is insufficient to meet the heart s needs during stress. Currently available anti-anginal drugs, which may provide symptomatic relief, are generally designed to alter the oxygen demand of the heart muscle or dilate vessels to temporarily relieve angina. Generx is an angiogenic therapeutic that is designed to promote the heart s natural response of collateral growth and to increase blood flow in the microcirculation. Cardium commenced a Phase 3 clinical study in the first half of 2007 that will be a randomized, placebo-controlled, double blind trial in approximately 300 women at multiple medical centers in the U.S. An additional follow-up study of Generx in men with recurrent angina due to myocardial ischemia is expected to commence later. Generx is the first and only DNA-based cardiovascular therapeutic to be advanced to Phase 3, and is believed to be the only current Phase 3 product candidate for the potential treatment of stable angina, a chronic medical condition affecting millions of patients in the U.S. and elsewhere.

Corgentin [Ad5IGF-I]. Corgentin, our lead pre-clinical product candidate, is a next-generation DNA-based therapeutic based on myocardial produced insulin-like growth factor-I (ad5IGF-I) which could be developed for administration in an acute care setting by interventional cardiologists as a treatment for heart attack patients immediately following percutaneous coronary intervention. Corgentin is designed to enhance myocardial healing in and around the infarct zone when used as an adjunct to existing vascular-directed pharmacologic and interventional therapies. To further confirm the utility of the Corgentin approach and establish its commercialization potential, we are conducting additional pre-clinical studies in the porcine acute myocardial infarction model, closely mimicking the clinical setting. If confirmatory, we may seek to initiate clinical studies on our own or with a corporate development partner.

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Genvascor [Ad5eNOS]. Genvascor is a pre-clinical, DNA-based, endothelial nitric oxide synthase (eNOS) therapeutic. This product candidate is being designed to induce production of nitric oxide directed at mediating the effects of multiple growth factors to enhance neovascularization and increased blood flow for the treatment of patients with critical limb ischemia due to advanced peripheral vascular disease. We may seek to develop additional pre-clinical information through sponsored studies and, if confirmatory, we may consider the further development of Genvascor either alone or through a corporate collaboration.

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Innercool Therapies

Our InnerCool Therapies subsidiary is focused on the emerging field of temperature modulation or therapeutic hypothermia, which is designed to rapidly and controllably cool the body in order to reduce cell death and damage following acute ischemic events such as cardiac arrest or stroke, and to potentially lessen or prevent associated injuries such as adverse neurological outcomes. InnerCool's Celsius Control System has received FDA 510(k) clearance for use in inducing, maintaining and reversing mild hypothermia in neurosurgical patients, both in surgery and in recovery or intensive care. The system has also received FDA clearance for use in cardiac patients in order to achieve or maintain normal body temperatures during surgery and in recovery/intensive care, and as an adjunctive treatment for fever control in patients with cerebral infarction and intracerebral hemorrhage. InnerCool has also received a CE mark allowing the Celsius Control System to be marketed in the European Community, and a TGA approval allowing the system to be marketed in Australia.

Studies for additional indications with InnerCool's Celsius Control System are expected to be conducted in collaboration with the National Institutes of Health and other collaborating institutions. Potential future applications of the technology include endovascular cooling for cardiac arrest, acute ischemic stroke and myocardial infarction (heart attack), and acute traumatic injury. We plan to accelerate the commercialization of the Celsius Control System and broaden and expand its temperature modulation technology into other medical indications and applications. Since its acquisition by Cardium, InnerCool's sales force has been expanded, a new cGMP manufacturing facility has been secured to increase production capabilities, and a next-generation console for the Celsius Control System has been developed, which is expected to be launched in 2008. InnerCool also recently launched CoolBlue, a new external temperature modulation system, which is designed to provide a complementary tool for use in less-acute patients and in clinical settings that do not require very rapid cooling or re-warming, or which are best suited to prolonged temperature management.

Tissue Repair Company

Excellerate™ is the lead product candidate of the Tissue Repair Company, our wholly-owned subsidiary. Excellerate is a DNA-activated collagen gel for topical treatment formulated with an adenovector delivery carrier encoding human platelet-derived growth factor-B (PDGF-B) and is designed to stimulate angiogenesis and granulation tissue formation through the recruitment and proliferation of chemotactic cells such as monocytes and fibroblasts, which are necessary for the stimulation of a variety of wound healing processes. Excellerate is initially being developed as a single administration for the treatment of non-healing, neuropathic diabetic foot ulcers. Based on the prior pre-clinical and toxicology database and results from the Phase 1/2 clinical study, Excellerate was advanced into a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, multi-center Phase 2b clinical study in the second half of 2007.

Excellerate is based on Tissue Repair Company's Gene Activated Matrix™ technology, which is a technology designed to provide a therapeutic level of protein synthesis at a particular site in the body and can be used in soft tissue such as skin, ligament, tendons and cartilage, as well as hard tissue such as bone. The technology is distinctive in that it is an immobilized form of local gene delivery that allows for control of gene uptake. Gene Activated Matrix technology consists of a biocompatible matrix comprising a gene or DNA vector encoding a growth factor or other therapeutic protein. Other potential applications of Gene Activated Matrix technology include therapeutic angiogenesis (cardiovascular ischemia, peripheral arterial disease) and orthopedic products, including hard tissue (bone) and soft tissue (ligament, tendon, cartilage) repair.

Corporate Information

Our principal executive offices are located at 3611 Valley Centre Drive, Suite 525, San Diego, California 92130, and our telephone number is (858) 436-1000. Our website is located at www.cardiumthx.com. Information on our website is not part of this prospectus.

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;

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aggregate principal amount or aggregate offering price;

maturity, if applicable;

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

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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.

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

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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.

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.

| | Nine Months Ended | | Year Ended December 31, | |
|---|--------------------|-------------|-------------------------|--------|
| | September 30, 2007 | 2006 | 2005 | 2004 |
| Deficiency of earnings available to cover fixed charges | \$ (18,309) | \$ (18,593) | \$ (5,442) | \$ (3) |

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. Historically we have incurred no fixed costs.

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.

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.

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.

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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.

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.

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 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;

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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;

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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.

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.

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;

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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;

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;

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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;

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.

DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS

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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;

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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;

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.

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.

LEGAL MATTERS

The validity of the securities offered by this prospectus will be passed upon for us by our legal counsel, Fisher Thurber LLP, La Jolla, California

EXPERTS

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Marcum & Kliegman LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, has audited our consolidated financial statements and schedule included in our Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the year ended December 31, 2006, as set forth in their report, which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus and elsewhere in the registration statement. Our financial statements and schedule are incorporated by reference in reliance on Marcum & Kliegman 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.

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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-KSB for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006, filed with the SEC on March 15, 2007;
- (b) Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2007, filed with the SEC on May 15, 2007;
- (c) Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended June 30, 2007, filed with the SEC on August 14, 2007;
- (d) Our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2007, filed with the SEC on November 14, 2007;
- (e) Our Current Reports on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on February 6, 2007, March 6, 2007, March 21, 2007, March 23, 2007, May 22, 2007, July 20, 2007, August 1, 2007, August 16, 2007, August 28, 2007, October 5, 2007, October 19, 2007, October 24, 2007 and November 14, 2007;
- (f) Our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A, filed with the SEC on April 24, 2007; and
- (g) 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.

3611 Valley Centre Drive, Suite 525

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.

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.