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

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

ARROWHEAD RESEARCH CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State of Incorporation)

46-0408024

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

**225 South Lake Avenue, Suite 300
Pasadena, CA 91101
626-304-3400**

(Address, including zip code and telephone number, including area code, of Registrant's principal executive offices)

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Approximate Date of Commencement of Proposed Sale to the Public: From time to time after this Registration Statement becomes effective, as determined by the Registrant.

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

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

If this Form is used to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act Registration Statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act Registration Statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

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, check the following box.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Securities Being Registered(1)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(1)(2)	Amount of Registration Fee
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	(4)	(4)
Warrants to Purchase Common Stock	(4)	(4)
Total	\$50,000,000	\$5,805(3)

- (1) There are being registered under this registration statement such indeterminate number of shares of common stock and such indeterminate number of warrants to purchase common stock, as will have an aggregate offering price not to exceed \$50,000,000 or its equivalent in any other currency, currency units, or composite currency or currencies. The securities covered by this registration statement may be sold separately, together, or as units with other securities registered under this registration statement. This registration statement also covers such an indeterminate amount of shares of common stock as may be required for delivery upon exercise of any warrants as a result of anti-dilution provisions.
- (2) The proposed maximum per unit and aggregate offering prices per class of security will be determined from time to time by the registrant in connection with the issuance by the registrant of the securities registered under this registration statement.
- (3) Calculated pursuant to Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.
- (4) Not required to be included in accordance with General Instruction II. D. of Form S-3.

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 which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, 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.

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 an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

Subject to Completion, dated August 8, 2011

Prospectus

\$50,000,000

Arrowhead Research Corporation

Common Stock

Warrants

This prospectus will allow us to issue, from time to time in one or more offerings,

- shares of our common stock, and
- warrants to purchase shares of our common stock.

The common stock and warrants may be offered and sold separately or together in one or more series of issuances, for an aggregate dollar amount not to exceed \$50,000,000. We will provide specific terms of the securities in supplements to this prospectus.

In this prospectus, we refer to the common stock and the warrants collectively as the “securities.”

This prospectus provides a general description of the securities we may offer. We may sell the securities to or through underwriters, directly to investors or through agents, or through a combination of these methods. Each time we sell securities we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that sale, including the names of any underwriters or agents, and may add, update or change the information contained in this prospectus. You should read this prospectus and any prospectus supplement, and the information incorporated by reference herein and therein, carefully before you invest in our securities. This prospectus may not be used to consummate a sale of securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement for those securities.

Our common stock is listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol “ARWR.” On August 5, 2011, the last reported sale price of our common stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market was \$0.51.

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the [Risk Factors](#) beginning on page 2 before you invest in our securities.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is , 2011

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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 the SEC, utilizing a “shelf” registration process. Under this shelf registration process, we may offer from time to time any combination of the securities described in this prospectus for a total dollar amount not to exceed \$50,000,000. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read both this prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with additional information described under the heading “Where You Can Find More Information.”

We have not authorized any dealer, salesperson or other person to give any information or to make any representation other than those contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement. You must not rely upon any information or representation not contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any accompanying prospectus supplement as if we had authorized it. This prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement do not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy any securities other than the registered securities to which they relate, nor does this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy securities in any jurisdiction to any person to whom it is unlawful to make such offer or solicitation in such jurisdiction. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement is correct on any date after their respective dates, even though this prospectus or any prospectus supplement is delivered or securities are sold on a later date.

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. You can identify forward-looking statements by the use of the words “believe,” “expect,” “anticipate,” “intend,” “estimate,” “project,” “will,” “should,” “may,” “plan,” “intend,” “assume” and other expressions which predict or indicate future events and trends and which do not relate to historical matters. You should not rely on forward-looking statements, because they involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, some of which are beyond the control of the Company. These risks, uncertainties and other factors may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from the anticipated future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements.

Factors that might cause these differences include the following:

- the integration of multiple technologies and programs;
- the ability to successfully complete development and commercialization of products and the Company’s expectations regarding market growth;
- the cost, timing, scope and results of ongoing safety and efficacy trials of preclinical and clinical testing;
- the ability to successfully complete product research and further development;
- the volume and profitability of product sales of future products;
- changes in existing and potential relationships with corporate collaborators and partners;
- the availability, cost, delivery and quality of materials supplied by contract manufacturers;
- the timing, cost and uncertainty of obtaining regulatory approvals of our products;
- the ability to obtain substantial additional funding;
- the ability to develop and commercialize products before competitors that are superior to the alternatives developed by competitors;
- the ability to retain certain members of management;

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- the Company’s expectations regarding research and development expenses and general and administrative expenses;
- the Company’s expectations regarding cash balances, capital requirements, anticipated revenue and expenses, including infrastructure expenses;
- our belief regarding the validity of our patents and potential litigation; and
- other factors detailed from time to time in filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

In addition, the factors described under the section captioned “Risk Factors” in this prospectus, as may be updated from time to time by our future filings under the Securities Exchange Act, and elsewhere in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus, may result in these differences. You should carefully review all of these factors. These forward-looking statements were based on information, plans and estimates at the date of this prospectus, and we assume no obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect changes in underlying assumptions or factors, new information, future events or other changes.

ABOUT THE COMPANY

Unless otherwise noted, (1) the term “Arrowhead Research” refers to Arrowhead Research Corporation, a Delaware corporation, formerly known as InterActive Group, Inc., (2) the terms “Arrowhead,” the “Company,” “we,” “us,” and “our,” refer to the ongoing business operations of Arrowhead and its subsidiaries, whether conducted through Arrowhead Research or a subsidiary of the company, and (3) the term “Common Stock” refers to shares of Arrowhead Research’s Common Stock and the term “stockholder(s)” refers to the holders of Common Stock or securities exercisable for Common Stock.

Arrowhead Research Corporation is a nanomedicine company developing innovative therapeutic products at the interface of biology and nanoengineering to cure disease and improve human health. Arrowhead addresses its target markets through ownership in subsidiaries that are selected based on synergies in their technology, and clinical and business strategies. By focusing on specific related applications of nanomedicine, Arrowhead and its subsidiaries leverage shared expertise and resources to develop pioneering therapeutic platforms for large unmet medical needs. Arrowhead is currently focused on the preclinical and clinical development of therapeutics for the treatment of cancer and obesity, as well as the regeneration of wounded or diseased tissue.

Arrowhead’s portfolio includes two majority owned subsidiaries, Calando Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (“Calando”), a leader in delivering small RNAs for gene silencing, and Ablaris Therapeutics, Inc. (“Ablaris”), an anti-obesity therapeutics company, and minority investments in Nanotope, Inc. (“Nanotope”), a regenerative medicine company and Leonardo Biosystems, Inc. (“Leonardo”), a multistage drug delivery company.

Our common stock is currently listed on the Nasdaq Capital Market under the symbol “ARWR.”

Our executive offices are located at 225 South Lake Avenue, Suite 300, Pasadena CA 91101 and our telephone number is (626) 304-3400. Additional information regarding our company, including our audited financial statements and descriptions of our business, is contained in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus. See “Where You Can Find More Information” on page 5 and “Incorporation of Certain Information by Reference” on page 5.

RISK FACTORS

We are a development-stage company and we have limited historical operations. Before making an investment decision, you should carefully consider the risks described under “Risk Factors” in the applicable prospectus supplement, together with all of the other information appearing in this prospectus or incorporated by reference into this prospectus and any applicable prospectus supplement, in light of your particular investment objectives and financial circumstances. Our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected by any of these risks. The trading price of our securities could decline due to any of these risks, and you may lose all or part of your investment. This prospectus and the incorporated documents also contain forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results could differ materially from those

anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of certain factors, including the risks mentioned elsewhere in this prospectus.

USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless we provide otherwise in a supplement to this prospectus, we intend to use the net proceeds from the sale of our securities and from the exercise of the warrants issued pursuant hereto, if any, for general corporate purposes, which may include one or more of the following:

- working capital;
- research and clinical development activities;
- potential future acquisitions of companies and/or technologies; and
- capital expenditures.

Our management will have broad discretion in the allocation of the net proceeds of any offering. Pending such uses, we intend to invest the net proceeds in short-term, investment grade, interest-bearing securities.

THE SECURITIES WE MAY OFFER

We may offer shares of our common stock and/or warrants to purchase common stock with a total value of up to \$50,000,000 from time to time under this prospectus at prices and on terms to be determined by market conditions at the time of offering. Each time we offer a type or series of securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will describe the specific amounts, prices and other important terms of the securities.

PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell our securities from time to time in any manner permitted by the Securities Act, including any one or more of the following ways:

- directly to investors;
- to investors through agents;
- to dealers; and/or
- through one or more underwriters.

Any underwritten offering may be on a best efforts or a firm commitment basis. We may also make direct sales through subscription rights distributed to our stockholders on a pro rata basis, which may or may not be transferable. In any distribution of subscription rights to stockholders, if all of the underlying securities are not subscribed for, we may then sell the unsubscribed securities directly to third parties or may engage the services of one or more underwriters, dealers or agents, including standby underwriters, to sell the unsubscribed securities to third parties. Under agreements into which we may enter, underwriters, dealers and agents who participate in the distribution of the securities may be entitled to indemnification by us against some liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act, or contribution from us for payments which the underwriters, dealers or agents may be required to make. Underwriters, dealers and agents may engage in transactions with us or perform services for us from time to time in the ordinary course of business.

The distribution of the securities may be effected 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

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- at negotiated prices.

Any of the prices may represent a discount from prevailing market prices.

We will seek authorization for listing and trading on the Nasdaq Capital Market for the shares of common stock sold pursuant to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part and may seek to have any warrants we sell pursuant to this prospectus listed for trading on the Nasdaq Capital Market or another exchange. In any sale of the securities, underwriters or agents may receive compensation from us or from purchasers of the securities, for whom they may act as agents, in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions. Underwriters may sell the securities to or through dealers, and such dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the underwriters and/or commissions from the purchasers for whom they may act as agents. Underwriters, dealers and agents that participate in the distribution of the securities may be deemed to be underwriters under the Securities Act of 1933, and any discounts or commissions they receive from us and any profit on the resale of securities they realize may be deemed to be underwriting discounts and commissions under the Securities Act.

Each time we sell securities, we will describe the method of distribution of the securities in the prospectus supplement relating to such transaction. The applicable prospectus supplement will, where applicable:

- identify any such underwriter or agent;
- describe any compensation in the form of discounts, concessions, commissions or otherwise received from us by each such underwriter or agent and in the aggregate to all underwriters and agents;
- identify the amounts underwritten or to be sold through the agent; and
- identify the nature of the underwriter's or agent's obligation to take the securities.

If underwriters are utilized in the sale of the securities, the securities may be acquired by the underwriters for their own account and may be resold from time to time in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions, at fixed public offering prices or at varying prices determined by the underwriters at the time of the sale. We may offer the securities to the public either through underwriting syndicates represented by managing underwriters or directly by the managing underwriters. If any underwriters are utilized in the sale of the securities, unless otherwise stated in the applicable prospectus supplement, the underwriting agreement will provide that the obligations of the underwriters are subject to specified conditions precedent and that the underwriters with respect to a sale of the securities will be obligated to purchase all of the securities offered if any are purchased.

Until the distribution of the securities is completed, rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission may limit the ability of any underwriters and selling group members to bid for and purchase the securities. As an exception to these rules, underwriters are permitted to engage in some transactions that stabilize the price of the securities, such as over allotment, stabilizing transactions, short covering transactions and penalty bids in accordance with Regulation M under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Over allotment involves sales in excess of the offering size which create a short position for the underwriter. Stabilizing transactions consist of bids or purchases for the purpose of pegging, fixing or maintaining the price of the securities. Short covering transactions involve purchases of the securities in the open market after the distribution is completed to cover short positions. The underwriters may also impose a penalty bid, under which selling concessions allowed to syndicate members or other broker-dealers for securities sold in the offering for their account may be reclaimed by the syndicate if the securities are repurchased by the syndicate in stabilizing or covering transactions. In general, purchases of a security for the purpose of stabilization or to reduce a short position could cause the price of the security to be higher than it might be in the absence of such purchases. The imposition of a penalty bid might also have an effect on the price of a security to the extent that it were to discourage resales of the security before the distribution is completed.

We do not make any representation or prediction as to the direction or magnitude of any effect that the transactions described above might have on the price of the securities. In addition, we do not make any representation that underwriters will engage in such transactions or that such transactions, once commenced, will not be discontinued without notice.

Underwriters, dealers and agents may engage in transactions with us or perform services for us in the ordinary course of business.

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If indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will authorize underwriters or other persons acting as our agents to solicit offers by particular institutions to purchase securities from us at the public offering price set forth in such prospectus supplement pursuant to delayed delivery contracts providing for payment and delivery on the date or dates stated in such prospectus supplement. We will describe the conditions to these contracts and the commissions we must pay for solicitation of these contracts in the applicable prospectus supplement.

To comply with applicable state securities laws, the securities offered by this prospectus will be sold, if necessary, in such jurisdictions only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers. In addition, securities may not be sold in some states unless they have been registered or qualified for sale in the applicable state or an exemption from the registration or qualification requirement is available and is complied with.

EXPERTS

The financial statements of the Company incorporated in this prospectus by reference from the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2010, have been audited by Rose, Snyder & Jacobs, a corporation of Certified Public Accountants, as stated in their report incorporated by reference, and given upon the authority of said firm as experts in auditing and accounting.

LEGAL MATTERS

Certain legal matters, including the validity of the securities offered pursuant to this registration statement, will be passed upon for us by Ropes & Gray LLP, San Francisco, California.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We must comply with the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and we are required to file reports and proxy statements and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission. You may read and copy these reports, proxy statements and other information at the Public Reference Room maintained by the Securities and Exchange Commission at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may also obtain copies at the prescribed rates from the Public Reference Section of the Securities and Exchange Commission at its principal office in Washington, D.C. You may call the Securities and Exchange Commission at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information about the public reference room. The Securities and Exchange Commission also maintains a website that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding issuers like us that file electronically with the Securities and Exchange Commission. You may access the Securities and Exchange Commission's web site at <http://www.sec.gov>.

Statements contained in this prospectus as to the contents of any contract or other document are not necessarily complete, and in each instance we refer you to the copy of the contract or document filed as an exhibit to the registration statement, each such statement being qualified in all respects by such reference.

INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE

The Securities and Exchange Commission allows us to incorporate by reference in this prospectus the information that we file with them. Incorporation by reference means that we can disclose important information to you by referring you to other documents that are legally considered to be part of this prospectus. Later information that we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission will automatically update and supersede the information in this prospectus, any supplement and the documents listed below. Our SEC file number is 0-15006. We incorporate by reference the specific documents listed below and any future filings made with the Securities and Exchange Commission under Section 13(a), 13(c), 14, or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, until all of the shares of common stock and warrant shares covered by this prospectus are sold:

- The Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2010, filed on December 22, 2010;
- The Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2010, filed on February 10, 2011, for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2011, filed on May 12, 2011 and for the fiscal quarter ended June 20, 2011, filed on August 8, 2011;
- The Company's Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14-A, filed on June 27, 2011;

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- The Company's Current Reports on Form 8-K filed on November 30, 2010, December 9, 2010, December 14, 2010, December 20, 2010, January 14, 2011, January 21, 2011, January 24, 2011, February 3, 2011, April 5, 2011, May 12, 2011 and June 9, 2011;
- The description of the Company's common stock contained in its registration statement on Form 8-A/A (Registration No. 000-21898), filed on November 1, 2010, including any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating such description; and
- All documents filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Exchange Act, after the date of the original Registration Statement and prior to effectiveness of the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, provided that all documents "furnished" by the Company to the SEC and not "filed" are not deemed incorporated by reference herein.

We will furnish without charge to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom this prospectus is delivered, upon written or oral request, a copy of any document incorporated by reference. Requests should be addressed to Corporate Secretary, 225 South Lake Street, Suite 300, Pasadena, CA 91101 or may be made telephonically at (626) 304-3400.

You should rely only on the information incorporated by reference or provided in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus or the accompanying prospectus supplement is accurate on any date subsequent to the date set forth on the front of the document or that any information we have incorporated by reference is correct on any date subsequent to the date of the document incorporated by reference, even though this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement is delivered or securities are sold on a later date.

ARROWHEAD RESEARCH CORPORATION

PROSPECTUS

, 2011

PART II
INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution (1).

The following are the estimated expenses of the distribution of the shares registered hereunder on Form S-3:

Registration Fee—Securities and Exchange Commission	\$ 5,805
Accountants Fees and Expenses	\$10,000
Legal Fees and Expenses	\$10,000
Miscellaneous	\$10,000
Total	<u>\$35,805</u>

(1) The amounts set forth below, except for the SEC Registration Fee, are estimated.

Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

The Company's Certificate of Incorporation provides for the elimination of personal monetary liability of directors to the fullest extent permissible under Delaware law. Delaware law does not permit the elimination or limitation of director monetary liability for: (i) breaches of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders; (ii) acts or omissions not in good faith or involving intentional misconduct or knowing violations of law; (iii) the payment of unlawful dividends or unlawful stock repurchases or redemptions or (iv) transactions in which the director received an improper personal benefit.

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law permits a Delaware corporation to indemnify, on certain terms and conditions, any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that he is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by him in connection with such action. The Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Company require the Company to indemnify the Company's directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted under Delaware law.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Company pursuant to the foregoing provisions, the Company has been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable.

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Item 16. Exhibit Index.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
1.1	Form of Underwriting Agreement *
4.1	Form of Common Stock Certificate (1)
4.2	Form of Warrant to Purchase Common Stock*
5.1	Opinion of Ropes & Gray LLP**
23.1	Consent of Rose, Snyder & Jacobs, the registrant's independent registered public accounting firm**
23.2	Consent of Ropes & Gray LLP (included in legal opinion filed as Exhibit 5.1)**
24.1	Power of Attorney (included on signature page)**

* To be filed by amendment or as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

** Filed herewith.

(1) Incorporated by reference from Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1, filed by the registrant on September 11, 2009.

Item 17. Undertakings.

Item 512(a) of Regulation S-K. 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 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and
 - (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 (a)(1)(i), (a)(1)(ii) and (a)(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.

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- (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) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:
 - (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 this registration statement; and
 - (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 this Registration Statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.
- (5) 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.

Item 512(b) of Regulation S-K. 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, as amended (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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Item 512(h) of Regulation S-K. 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 Act, 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 Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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 Pasadena, state of California, on August 8, 2011.

ARROWHEAD RESEARCH CORPORATION

By: /s/ Christopher Anzalone
Christopher Anzalone
Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated, each of whom also constitutes and appoints Christopher Anzalone and Kenneth A. Myszkowski, and each of them singly, his or her true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, for him or her, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments to this Registration Statement, and to file the same and all exhibits thereto and any other documents in connection therewith with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto each 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, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that each attorney-in-fact and agent or his or her substitute or substitutes may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u> /s/ Christopher Anzalone </u> Christopher Anzalone	Chief Executive Officer and President and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	August 8, 2011
<u> /s/ R. Bruce Stewart </u> R. Bruce Stewart	Executive Chairman of the Board	August 8, 2011
<u> /s/ Kenneth A. Myszkowski </u> Kenneth A. Myszkowski	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)	August 8, 2011
<u> /s/ Edward W. Frykman </u> Edward W. Frykman	Director	August 8, 2011
<u> /s/ Charles P. McKenney </u> Charles P. McKenney	Director	August 8, 2011
<u> /s/ Mauro Ferrari </u> Mauro Ferrari	Director	August 8, 2011
<u> /s/ Douglass Given </u> Douglass Given	Director	August 8, 2011

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EXHIBIT INDEX.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
1.1	Form of Underwriting Agreement *
4.1	Form of Common Stock Certificate (1)
4.2	Form of Warrant to Purchase Common Stock*
5.1	Opinion of Ropes & Gray LLP**
23.1	Consent of Rose, Snyder & Jacobs, the registrant's independent registered public accounting firm**
23.2	Consent of Ropes & Gray LLP (included in legal opinion filed as Exhibit 5.1)**
24.1	Power of Attorney (included on signature page)**

* To be filed by amendment or as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

** Filed herewith.

(1) Incorporated by reference from Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement on Form S-1, filed by the registrant on September 11, 2009.



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August 8, 2011

Arrowhead Research Corporation
225 South Lake Avenue, Suite 300
Pasadena, CA 91101

Re: Registration of Securities by Arrowhead Research Corporation

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This opinion is furnished to you in connection with the registration statement on Form S-3 (the "Registration Statement") filed by Arrowhead Research Corporation, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), on the date hereof, with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), relating to the registration under the Securities Act and the proposed issuance and sale from time to time pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of (i) shares of the Company's common stock, \$0.001 par value per share (the "Common Stock") and (ii) warrants representing the right to receive or the obligation to sell, upon exercise, a number of shares of Common Stock (the "Common Stock Warrants"). The Common Stock and the Common Stock Warrants are referred to herein collectively as the "Securities." Securities may be issued in an unspecified number (with respect to Common Stock and Common Stock Warrants). The Registration Statement provides that the Securities may be offered separately or together in one or more series of issuances, for an aggregate dollar amount not to exceed \$50,000,000, with specific terms of the securities in supplements to the prospectus (each a "Prospectus Supplement") contained in the Registration Statement.

In connection with this opinion, we have examined and relied upon the Registration Statement and such other records, agreements, certificates and documents, and have made legal and factual inquiries, as we have deemed necessary as a basis for the opinions expressed herein. As to matters of fact material to our opinion, we have relied, without independent verification, on certificates of officers of the Company and of public officials and documents furnished to us by the Company.

The opinions expressed below are limited to the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (which includes reported judicial decisions interpreting the Delaware General Corporation Law). Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, we express no opinion with respect to (i) state securities or "blue sky" laws, or (ii) state and federal general antitrust laws.

Based upon the foregoing and subject to the additional qualifications set forth below, we are of the opinion that:

1. The Company has the authority under its certificate of incorporation to issue up to one hundred forty five million (145,000,000) shares of Common Stock. When the issuance and the terms of the sale of the shares of Common Stock have been duly authorized by the board of directors of the Company in conformity with its certificate of incorporation and such shares have been issued and delivered against payment of the purchase price therefor in an amount in excess of the par value thereof, in accordance with the applicable purchase, underwriting or other agreement, and as contemplated by the Registration Statement, the shares of Common Stock will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable. The Common Stock covered in the opinion in this paragraph include any shares of Common Stock of the Company that may be issued upon exercise, conversion or otherwise pursuant to the terms of any other Securities.

2. When the issuance and terms of the sale of the Common Stock Warrants have been duly authorized by the board of directors of the Company in conformity with its certificate of incorporation and duly established in conformity with the applicable warrant agreement, when such Common Stock Warrants have been duly executed, countersigned and delivered in accordance with the applicable warrant agreement, in accordance with the applicable purchase, underwriting or other agreement, and as contemplated by the Registration Statement, such Common Stock Warrants will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms.

In rendering the opinions set forth above, we have assumed that (i) the Registration Statement will have become effective under the Securities Act, a prospectus supplement will have been prepared and filed with the Commission describing the Securities offered thereby and such Securities will have been issued and sold in accordance with the terms of such prospectus supplement; (ii) a definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement with respect to such Securities (if applicable) will have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and the other parties thereto; (iii) the Securities will be duly authorized by all necessary corporate action by the Company and any agreement pursuant to which such Securities may be issued will be duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Company and the other parties thereto; (iv) the Company is and will remain duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under applicable law; (v) the Company has reserved a sufficient number of shares of its duly authorized, but unissued, Common Stock as is necessary for the issuance of the shares of Common Stock pursuant to the Registration Statement and (vi) all the foregoing actions to be taken by the Company are taken so as not to violate any applicable law or result in a default under, or breach of, any agreement or instrument binding upon the Company and so as to comply with any requirement or restriction imposed by any court or governmental or regulatory body having jurisdiction over the Company or any of its property.

The opinions expressed in paragraph two set forth above is subject to (a) bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, fraudulent transfer and other laws of general application affecting the rights and remedies of creditors and (b) general principles of equity.

This opinion may be used only in connection with the offer and sale of the Securities while the Registration Statement is in effect. We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the use of our name therein under the caption "Legal Matters". In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Ropes & Gray LLP

Ropes & Gray LLP

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference, in this Registration Statement on Form S-3 of our report dated December 17, 2010, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Arrowhead Research Corporation and Subsidiaries appearing in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2010, and to the reference of our Firm under the caption "Experts" in the Registration Statement.

/s/ Rose, Snyder & Jacobs

Rose, Snyder & Jacobs
A Corporation of Certified Public Accountants

Encino, California
August 8, 2011