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

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**FORM S-8  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT**  
*Under  
The Securities Act of 1933*

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**VANDA PHARMACEUTICALS INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**03-0491827**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**2200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 300E  
Washington, D.C. 20037**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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**VANDA PHARMACEUTICALS INC. 2006 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN**  
(Full title of the Plan)

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**Mihael H. Polymeropoulos, M.D.**  
**Chief Executive Officer**  
**Vanda Pharmaceuticals Inc.**  
**2200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 300E**  
**Washington, D.C. 20037**  
(Name and address of agent for service)

**(202) 734-3400**  
(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

| Title of Securities to be Registered              | Amount to be Registered(1) | Proposed Maximum Offering Price per Share(2) | Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(2) | Amount of Registration Fee |
|---|----------------------------|--|--|----------------------------|
| Stock Options and Common Stock, \$0.001 par value | 1,129,670 shares           | \$3.93                                       | \$4,439,603.10                               | \$605.57                   |

- (1) This Registration Statement shall also cover any additional shares of Common Stock which become issuable under the 2006 Equity Incentive Plan by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or other similar transaction effected without the receipt of consideration which results in an increase in the number of the outstanding shares of Common Stock of Vanda Pharmaceuticals Inc. Includes rights to purchase shares of the registrant's Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock pursuant to the Rights Agreement dated September 25, 2008, as amended. No separate consideration is paid for these rights and, as a result, the registration fee for these rights is included in the fee for the Stock Options and Common Stock.
- (2) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the amount of the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(c) and (h)(1) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The offering price per share and aggregate offering price for the unissued stock options and shares of Common Stock are based upon the average of the high and low prices of the Registrant's common stock as reported on The NASDAQ Global Market on February 4, 2013.

## PART II

### Information Required in the Registration Statement

#### Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference

Vanda Pharmaceuticals Inc. (the “Registrant”) hereby incorporates by reference into this Registration Statement the following documents previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”):

- (a) The Registrant’s Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011;
- (b) (1) The Registrant’s Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC for the fiscal quarters ended March 31, 2012, June 30, 2012 and September 30, 2012;  
(2) The Registrant’s Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on January 20, 2012, January 26, 2012, February 14, 2012, April 16, 2012, May 8, 2012, May 30, 2012, June 18, 2012, August 2, 2012, September 17, 2012, October 10, 2012, October 15, 2012, November 7, 2012, December 14, 2012, December 18, 2012, December 26, 2012, January 23, 2013, and January 31, 2013, in each case only to the extent filed and not furnished;
- (c) The description of the Registrant’s outstanding Common Stock contained in the Registrant’s Registration Statement No. 000-51863 on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on March 28, 2006, pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “1934 Act”), including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description; and
- (d) The description of the Registrant’s Rights to Purchase Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock contained in the Registrant’s Registration Statement No. 001-34186 on Form 8-A filed with the SEC on September 25, 2008, pursuant to Section 12 of the 1934 Act, including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating such description.

All reports and definitive proxy or information statements filed pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the 1934 Act after the date of this Registration Statement and prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered hereby have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents. Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein, or in any other subsequently filed document that also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein, modifies or supersedes such statement.

#### Item 4. Description of Securities

Not applicable.

#### Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel

Not applicable.

#### Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers

The Registrant is incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware. Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law authorizes a court to award or a corporation’s Board of Directors to grant indemnification to directors and officers in terms sufficiently broad to permit such indemnification under certain circumstances for liabilities (including reimbursement for expenses incurred) arising under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “1933 Act”). The Registrant’s Bylaws provide for indemnification of its directors and officers to the maximum extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law. The Registrant’s Certificate of Incorporation provides that, pursuant to Delaware law, its directors shall not be liable for monetary damages for breach of their fiduciary duty as directors to the Registrant and its stockholders. This provision in the Certificate of Incorporation does not eliminate the fiduciary duty of the directors, and, in appropriate circumstances, equitable remedies such as injunctive or other forms of non-monetary relief will remain available under Delaware law. In addition, each director will

continue to be subject to liability for breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the Registrant for acts or omissions not in good faith or involving intentional misconduct, for knowing violations of law, for actions leading to improper personal benefit to the director and for payment of dividends or approval of stock repurchases or redemptions that are unlawful under Delaware law. The provision also does not affect a director's responsibilities under any other law, such as the federal securities laws or state or federal environmental laws. The Registrant has entered into Indemnification Agreements with its directors and officers. The Indemnification Agreements provide the Registrant's directors and officers with further indemnification to the maximum extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law.

**Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed**

Not applicable.

**Item 8. Exhibits**

| <u>Exhibit Number</u> | <u>Description</u>   |
|-----------------------|--|
| 4.1                   | Form of Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Registrant (filed as Exhibit 3.8 to Amendment No. 2 to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-130759), as filed on March 17, 2006, and incorporated herein by reference)   |
| 4.2                   | Second Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Registrant, as amended and restated on December 16, 2008 (filed as Exhibit 3.11 to the Registrant's current report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-34186) as filed on December 17, 2008 and incorporated herein by reference)  |
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| 5.1                   | Opinion and consent of Gunderson Dettmer Stough Villeneuve Franklin & Hachigian LLP  |
| 23.1                  | Consent of Gunderson Dettmer Stough Villeneuve Franklin & Hachigian, LLP (included in Exhibit 5)   |
| 23.2                  | Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm   |
| 24                    | Power of Attorney. Reference is made to page II-5 of this Registration Statement   |
| 99.1                  | Vanda Pharmaceuticals Inc. 2006 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended and restated effective as of June 3, 2010 (filed as Exhibit 10.38 to the Registrant's current report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-34186) as filed on June 7, 2010 and incorporated herein by reference)   |

## **Item 9. Undertakings**

A. The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes: (1) to file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement (i) to include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the 1933 Act, (ii) to reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this 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 this Registration Statement and (iii) to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this Registration Statement or any material change to such information in this Registration Statement; provided, however, that clauses (1)(i) and (1)(ii) shall 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 SEC by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the 1934 Act that are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement; (2) that for the purpose of determining any liability under the 1933 Act 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 and (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 Registrant's 2006 Equity Incentive Plan.

B. The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the 1933 Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the 1934 Act that is incorporated by reference in this 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.

C. Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the 1933 Act may be permitted to directors, officers or controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the indemnification provisions summarized in Item 6 or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that, in the opinion of the SEC, such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the 1933 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 1933 Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Washington, D.C. on this 8th day of February, 2013.

**VANDA PHARMACEUTICALS INC.**

By: /s/ Mihael H. Polymeropoulos  
Mihael H. Polymeropoulos, M.D.  
Chief Executive Officer

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

**KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:**

That the undersigned officers and directors of Vanda Pharmaceuticals Inc., a Delaware corporation, do hereby constitute and appoint Mihael H. Polymeropoulos, M.D. and James P. Kelly, and either of them, the lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents with full power and authority to do any and all acts and things and to execute any and all instruments which said attorneys and agents, and either one of them, determine may be necessary or advisable or required to enable said corporation to comply with the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and any rules or regulations or requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with this Registration Statement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing power and authority, the powers granted include the power and authority to sign the names of the undersigned officers and directors in the capacities indicated below to this Registration Statement, to any and all amendments, both pre-effective and post-effective, and supplements to this Registration Statement, and to any and all instruments or documents filed as part of or in conjunction with this Registration Statement or amendments or supplements thereof, and each of the undersigned hereby ratifies and confirms all that said attorneys and agents, or either one of them, shall do or cause to be done by virtue hereof. This Power of Attorney may be signed in several counterparts.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, each of the undersigned has executed this Power of Attorney as of the date indicated. Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| <u>Signature</u>  | <u>Title</u>   | <u>Date</u>      |
|---|--|------------------|
| <u>/s/ Mihael H. Polymeropoulos, M.D.</u><br>Mihael H. Polymeropoulos, M.D. | President, Chief Executive Officer and Director<br><i>(Principal Executive Officer)</i>                        | February 8, 2013 |
| <u>/s/ James P. Kelly</u><br>James P. Kelly                                 | Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer<br><i>(Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)</i> | February 8, 2013 |
| <u>/s/ Howard H. Pien</u><br>Howard H. Pien                                 | Director and Chairman of Board   | February 8, 2013 |
| <u>/s/ Michael Cola</u><br>Michael Cola                                     | Director   | February 8, 2013 |
| <u>/s/ Richard W. Dugan</u><br>Richard W. Dugan                             | Director   | February 8, 2013 |
| <u>/s/ Steven K. Galson, M.D.</u><br>Steven K. Galson, M.D.                 | Director   | February 8, 2013 |
| <u>/s/ Vincent J. Milano</u><br>Vincent J. Milano                           | Director   | February 8, 2013 |
| <u>/s/ H. Thomas Watkins</u><br>H. Thomas Watkins                           | Director   | February 8, 2013 |

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February 8, 2013

Vanda Pharmaceuticals Inc.  
2200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 300E  
Washington, D.C. 20037

Re: Vanda Pharmaceuticals Inc. Registration Statement on Form S-8 for 1,129,670 Shares of Common Stock

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We refer to your registration statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act") in connection with the registration of 1,129,670 shares of Common Stock (the "Shares") of Vanda Pharmaceuticals Inc. (the "Company") issuable in the aggregate under the Company's 2006 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan").

As your counsel, we have examined such matters of fact and questions of law as we have deemed necessary in order to render the opinion set forth herein. In connection with our opinion expressed below, we have relied as to certain factual matters on information obtained from public officials, officers of the Company and other sources believed by us to be responsible. We express no opinion as to matters governed by any laws other than the laws of the Delaware General Corporation Law and the federal laws of the United States.

Based upon and subject to the foregoing, we advise you that, in our opinion, when the Shares have been issued and sold pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Plan, and in accordance with the Registration Statement, such Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable shares of the Company's Common Stock.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. 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 Act.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Gunderson Dettmer Stough Villeneuve Franklin &  
Hachigian, LLP

Gunderson Dettmer Stough Villeneuve Franklin & Hachigian,  
LLP

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-8 of our report dated March 9, 2012 relating to the financial statements and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, which appears in Vanda Pharmaceuticals Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Baltimore, MD  
February 8, 2013