

Gentium S.p.A.  
Form 6-K  
May 17, 2012

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Form 6-K**

REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16  
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the month of May, 2012.

Commission File Number 000-51341

Gentium S.p.A.

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(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Piazza XX Settembre 2, 22079 Villa Guardia (Como), Italy

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(Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F  Form 40-F

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.  
Yes  No

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in connection with Rule 12g3-2(b):

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The Registrant's press release regarding its financial results for the period ended March 31, 2012 is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated by reference herein in its entirety. This report and the exhibit attached thereto are incorporated by reference into the registration statements of Gentium S.p.A. on Forms F-3: File No. 333-135622, File No. 333-137551, File No. 333-138202, File No. 333-139422, File No. 333-141198, and File No. 333-174575 and on Forms S-8: File No. 333-137534, File No. 333-146534 and File No. 333-181171.

Exhibit Description

1 Press release, dated May 17, 2012.

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

GENTIUM S.P.A.

By: /s/ Salvatore Calabrese

Name: Salvatore Calabrese

Title: Chief Financial Officer and Senior VP, Finance

Date: May 17, 2012.

**INDEX TO EXHIBITS**

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