

MEDICIS PHARMACEUTICAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
August 30, 2010

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

**FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
August 30, 2010**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)**  
**Medicis Pharmaceutical Corporation**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State of Incorporation)

**001-14471**  
(Commission File Number)

**52-1574808**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

**7720 North Dobson Road**  
**Scottsdale, Arizona 85256**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

**(602) 808-8800**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**N/A**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On August 30, 2010, Medicis Pharmaceutical Corporation (the Company ) announced that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved additional strengths of SOLODYN® (minocycline HCl, USP) Extended Release Tablets in 55 mg, 80 mg and 105 mg dosages for the treatment of inflammatory lesions of non-nodular moderate to severe acne vulgaris in patients 12 years of age and older. The Company believes all forms of SOLODYN currently approved for use, including the 55 mg, 80 mg and 105 mg dosages, are covered by its patent rights, which include several issued patents and two patent applications for which the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) recently issued Notices of Allowance. A copy of the press release dated August 30, 2010 announcing the approval is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated August 30, 2010.

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**SIGNATURES**

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

Medicis Pharmaceutical Corporation

Date: August 30, 2010

By: /s/ Jason D. Hanson  
Jason D. Hanson  
Executive Vice President, Chief Operating  
Officer,  
Acting General Counsel and Corporate  
Secretary