

MEDICIS PHARMACEUTICAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
April 11, 2011

**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  
April 5, 2011**

**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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

*U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Issues New Patent Covering SOLODYN®*

On April 5, 2011, the United States Patent and Trademark Office ( USPTO ) issued U.S. Patent No. 7,919,483, entitled Method For The Treatment Of Acne (the 483 Patent ) to Medicis Pharmaceutical Corporation (the Company ). The Patent, which expires in February 2027, covers methods of using a controlled-release oral dosage form of minocycline to treat acne, including the use of the Company s product SOLODYN® (minocycline HCl, USP) Extended Release Tablets in all eight currently available dosage forms. As previously reported, the USPTO issued a Notice of Allowance for U.S. Application No. 11/166,817, the patent application for the 483 Patent, in October 2009 and a second Notice of Allowance in April 2010 following the completion of a Request for Continued Examination filed by the Company with the USPTO in November 2009.

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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: April 8, 2011

By: /s/ Seth L. Rodner  
Seth L. Rodner  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel  
and Corporate Secretary