MEDICIS PHARMACEUTICAL CORP
Form 8-K
January 31, 2008

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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
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 30, 2008
Medicis Pharmaceutical Corporation
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	**0-18443**	**52-1574808**
(State of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification Number)

8125 North Hayden Road
Scottsdale, Arizona 85258-2463
(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)

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o 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 January 30, 2008, Medicis Pharmaceutical Corporation (Medicis or the Company) received a letter from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) stating that, upon a preliminary review of the Company s Biologics License Application (BLA) for the botulinum toxin type A, RELOXIN®, in aesthetics, the FDA has determined not to accept the BLA for filing because it is not sufficiently complete to permit a substantive review. The reasons cited by the FDA were that the application did not address how Medicis would fulfill its responsibilities as the manufacturer of the product and that the application included letters of authorization supporting a separate BLA submitted by Ipsen. The FDA s letter only addressed administrative deficiencies in the application and did not reference any substantive deficiencies. The Company continues to believe that its BLA is strong, and it intends to promptly work with the FDA and coordinate its activities with Ipsen to address these administrative issues. While Medicis is uncertain of the impact at this time, the FDA s determination not to accept the Company s BLA may result in delays in the FDA s substantive response to the BLA.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: January 31, 2008

Medicis Pharmaceutical Corporation

By: /s/ Mark A. Prygocki, Sr.
Mark A. Prygocki, Sr.
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer