

MEDICIS PHARMACEUTICAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
April 30, 2009

**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 30, 2009**

**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:

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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.**

On April 30, 2009, Medicis Pharmaceutical Corporation ( Medicis ) and Ipsen, S.A. ( Ipsen ) issued a joint press release announcing the U.S. Food and Drug Administration s approval of the Biologics License Application for DYSPORT™ (abobotulinumtoxinA), an acetylcholine release inhibitor and a neuromuscular blocking agent. The approval includes two separate indications, the treatment of cervical dystonia in adults to reduce the severity of abnormal head position and neck pain, and the temporary improvement in the appearance of moderate to severe glabellar lines in adults younger than 65 years of age. Reloxin®, which was the proposed U.S. name for Ipsen s botulinum toxin product for aesthetic use, will be marketed under the name of DYSPORT™. Ipsen will market DYSPORT™ in the United States for the therapeutic indication (cervical dystonia), while Medicis will market DYSPORT™ in the U.S. for the aesthetic indication (glabellar lines). A copy of the joint press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01 Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated April 30, 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.

Date: April 30, 2009

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