

CORTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC/DE/  
Form 8-K  
January 18, 2006

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**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 13, 2006

**CORTEX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**1-16467**  
(Commission File Number)

**33-0303583**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**15241 Barranca Parkway**

**Irvine, California**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**92618**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (949) 727-3157

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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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 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On January 13, 2006, Cortex Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the Company) paid performance bonuses for 2005 to the Company's executive officers. Roger G. Stoll, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer received \$62,000, James H. Coleman, Senior Vice President, Business Development received \$34,178, Harry H. Mansbach, Chief Medical Officer received \$40,700, Maria S. Messinger, Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary received \$38,220 and Gary A. Rogers, Ph.D., Senior Vice President, Pharmaceutical Research received \$34,860.

The determination of the bonuses was approved by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors and was based upon an evaluation of the performance of each officer, and the Company, during 2005 relative to the performance criteria previously established by the Compensation Committee. The performance criteria included, but were not limited to making progress with the Company's AMPAKINE<sup>®</sup> technology, financially operating within established expectations and preparing the Company's assessment of its internal control system, as required by the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

**SIGNATURES**

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.

January 18, 2006

**CORTEX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.**

/s/ Maria S. Messinger  
Maria S. Messinger  
Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

and Corporate Secretary