

MEDICIS PHARMACEUTICAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
August 26, 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 19, 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:

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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.**

*The Company Files Suit against Acella Pharmaceuticals, Inc.*

On August 19, 2010, Medicis Pharmaceutical Corporation (the Company) filed suit against Acella Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Acella) in the United States District Court for the District of Arizona based on Acella's manufacture and offer for sale of benzoyl peroxide foaming cloths which the Company believes infringe one or more claims of the Company's U.S. Patent No. 7,776,355 (the 355 Patent) covering certain of the Company's products, including TRIAZ® (benzoyl peroxide) 3%, 6% and 9% Foaming Cloths indicated for the topical treatment of acne vulgaris. The 355 Patent was issued to the Company by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 17, 2010 and expires in June 2026. The relief requested by the Company in the lawsuit includes a request for a permanent injunction preventing Acella from infringing the 355 Patent by engaging in the manufacture, use, importation, offer to sell, or sale of any products covered by the 355 Patent, including Acella's benzoyl peroxide foaming cloths, and from inducing or contributing to any such activities.

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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 26, 2010

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