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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

November 8, 2011

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

Medicis Pharmaceutical Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware 001-14471 (State of Incorporation) (Commission

52-1574808 (IRS Employer

File Number)
7720 North Dobson Road

Identification Number)

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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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On November 8, 2011, Medicis Pharmaceutical Corporation issued a press release announcing its financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2011. A copy of the press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

The information in this Item 2.02, including the accompanying exhibit, is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information in this Item 2.02 shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

Item 9.01 Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated November 8, 2011.

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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: November 8, 2011

By: /s/ Richard D. Peterson
Richard D. Peterson

Executive Vice President,

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer