Targanta Therapeutics Corp. Form SC TO-C January 27, 2009

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 SCHEDULE TO (Rule 14d-100) Tender Offer Statement under Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 TARGANTA THERAPEUTICS CORPORATION (Name of Subject Company (Issuer)) THE MEDICINES COMPANY

BOXFORD SUBSIDIARY CORPORATION

(Names of Filing Persons (Offerors)) Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 (Title of Class of Securities) 87612C100 (CUSIP Number of Class of Securities) Paul M. Antinori **General Counsel & Senior Vice President** The Medicines Company 8 Sylvan Way Parsippany, New Jersey 07054 (973) 290-6000 (Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications on Behalf of Filing Persons) with copies to: **David E. Redlick** Hal J. Leibowitz

Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP 60 State Street Boston, Massachusetts 02109 (617) 526-6000 <u>Calculation of Filing Fee</u>

Transaction valuation*

Amount of filing fee* Not applicable

Not applicable

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o Rule 13e-4(i) (Cross-Border Issuer Tender Offer)

o Rule 14d-1(d) (Cross-Border Third-Party Tender Offer)

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99.1 Notice dated January 26, 2009 from Targanta Therapeutics Corporation to Holders of Stock Options under the Targanta Therapeutics Corporation 2005 Stock Option Plan, attaching a Form of Exercise Notice and Related Instructions, and Frequently Asked Questions for holders of options under the Targanta Therapeutics Corporation 2005 Stock Option Plan and 2007 Stock Option Plan.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This Schedule TO-C is neither an offer to purchase nor a solicitation of an offer to sell shares of Targanta Therapeutics Corporation (Targanta). Boxford Subsidiary Corporation (the Merger Sub), a wholly owned subsidiary of The Medicines Company, has not commenced the tender offer for the shares of Targanta common stock described in the communications filed herewith.

Upon commencement of the tender offer, the Merger Sub will file with the SEC a tender offer statement on Schedule TO and related exhibits, including the offer to purchase, letter of transmittal, and other related documents. Following commencement of the tender offer, Targanta will file with the SEC a tender offer

solicitation/recommendation statement on Schedule 14D-9. These documents will contain important information about The Medicines Company, Targanta, the transaction and other related matters. Investors and security holders are urged to read each of these documents carefully when they are available.

Investors and security holders will be able to obtain free copies of the tender offer statement, the tender offer solicitation/recommendation statement and other documents filed with the SEC by The Medicines Company and Targanta through the web site maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov. In addition, investors and security holders will be able to obtain free copies of these documents from The Medicines Company or Targanta by contacting: Robyn Brown of The Medicines Company at 973-290-6000 or investor.relations@themedco.com, or Susan Hager of Targanta at 617-577-9020 x217 or shager@targanta.com.