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MEDICINES CO /DE Form 8-K January 25, 2006

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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): January 20, 2006

The Medicines Company

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) **000-31191** (Commission File Number)

04-3324394 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

8 Campus Drive
Parsippany, New Jersey
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

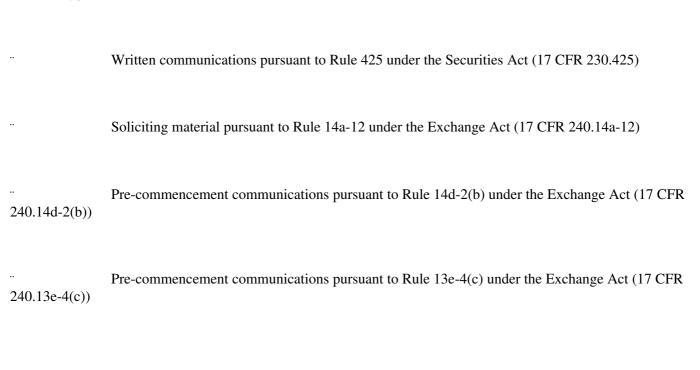
07054 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (973) 656-1616

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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

After considering information on total compensation for each executive officer of The Medicines Company (the Company) and a survey of comparative data provided by an outside compensation consultant, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company established the following base salaries for the Company s executive officers for 2006, effective as of January 1, 2006:

	2006 A	2006 Annual Base Salary	
Clive A. Meanwell			
Chief Executive Officer	\$	516,000	
John P. Kelley			
President and Chief Operating Officer	\$	400,000	
Steven H. Koehler			
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	\$	310,000	
Paul M. Antinori			
Vice President and General Counsel	\$	260,000	
John D. Richards			
Vice President	\$	215,519	

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.

THE MEDICINES COMPANY

Date: January 25, 2006 By: /s/ Steven H. Koehler

Steven H. Koehler

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer