

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
September 4, 2012**

**ORDER GRANTING CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

The Medicines Company

File No. 000-31191 - CF#28762

The Medicines Company submitted an application under Rule 24b-2 requesting confidential treatment for information it excluded from the Exhibits to a Form 10-Q filed on August 9, 2012.

Based on representations by The Medicines Company that this information qualifies as confidential commercial or financial information under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4), the Division of Corporation Finance has determined not to publicly disclose it. Accordingly, excluded information from the following exhibit(s) will not be released to the public for the time period(s) specified:

Exhibit 10.1	through August 9, 2015
Exhibit 10.2	through June 30, 2016
Exhibit 10.3	through September 30, 2013

For the Commission, by the Division of Corporation Finance, pursuant to delegated authority:

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