

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

May 6, 2013

**ORDER GRANTING CONFIDENTIAL TREATMENT
UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

The Medicines Company

File No. 333-37404 - CF# 29588

The Medicines Company submitted an application under Rule 406 requesting an extension of a previous grant of confidential treatment for information it excluded from the Exhibits to a Form S-1 filed on May 19, 2000.

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 10.5 through May 12, 2016

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

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