

NOVARTIS AG
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May 20, 2009

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

SCHEDULE 13D/A

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 3)***

Idenix Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

45166R 20 4

(CUSIP Number)

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Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

May 19, 2009

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1(e), 13d-1(f) or 13d-1(g), check the following box .

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1. Name of Reporting Person
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of Above Person (Entities Only)*

NOVARTIS AG
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group*
(a)
(b)
3. SEC Use Only
4. Source of Funds*
AF
5. Check Box if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings Is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)
6. Citizenship or Place of Organization
SWITZERLAND
- | | | |
|---|-----|--|
| Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person With | 7. | Sole Voting Power 0 |
| | 8. | Shared Voting Power 31,314,942 |
| | 9. | Sole Dispositive Power 0 |
| | 10. | Shared Dispositive Power 31,314,942 |
11. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
31,314,942
12. Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares *
13. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)
53.0%
14. Type of Reporting Person*
CO

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1. Name of Reporting Person
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of Above Person (Entities Only)*

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(a)
(b)
3. SEC Use Only
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Item 1. Security and Issuer

This Amendment No. 3 to Schedule 13D (this Amendment) amends the initial statement on Schedule 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 27, 2004, as previously amended on September 7, 2005 and November 2, 2005 (the Original Schedule 13D) relating to Common Stock (the Common Stock), par value \$0.001 per share of Idenix Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company). The address of the Company s principal executive offices is 60 Hampshire Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139.

Except as otherwise described herein, the information contained in the Original Schedule 13D remains in effect. Capitalized terms used but not defined in this Amendment shall have the respective meanings set forth with respect thereto in the Original Schedule 13D.

Item 2. Identity and Background

No change except as described below.

(a) - (c) and (f) The name, business address, present principal occupation or employment and citizenship of the executive officers and members of the Board of Directors of each of the Reporting Persons is set forth on Schedule I hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

(d) and (e) Neither the Reporting Persons nor, to the best knowledge of each of them, any of the persons listed on Schedule I hereto with respect to each such Reporting Person during the last five years, (i) has been convicted in a criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors) or (ii) was a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration

No change except as described below.

Novartis Pharma acquired the following shares of Common Stock pursuant to the exercise of stock subscription rights under the Stockholders Agreement:

On March 3, 2006, Novartis Pharma acquired 2,938 shares of Common Stock for \$16.23 per share or an aggregate of \$47,681.01.

On June 2, 2006, Novartis Pharma acquired 365 shares of Common Stock for \$20.48 per share or an aggregate of \$7,475.20.

On May 29, 2008, Novartis Pharma acquired 924 shares of Common Stock for \$2.41 per share or an aggregate of \$2,226.84.

On September 2, 2008, Novartis Pharma acquired 4,654 shares of Common Stock for \$2.93 per share or an aggregate of \$13,637.84.

On November 19, 2008, Novartis Pharma acquired 4,747 shares of Common Stock for \$4.05 per share or an aggregate of \$19,257.00.

On February 23, 2009, Novartis Pharma acquired 5,444 shares of Common Stock for \$2.41 per share or an aggregate of \$13,120.04.

The source of funds for these acquisitions was Novartis Pharma's working capital.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

No change except as described below.

The Company filed a registration statement on Form S-3 (the Registration Statement) for the sale of up to \$100,000,000 in shares of Common Stock, which Registration Statement became effective on October 17, 2008.

As described in the Original Schedule 13D, pursuant to the Stockholders Agreement, Novartis Pharma had the right to receive notice of the filing of, and to include shares of Common Stock owned by it in, the Registration Statement. In addition, Novartis has the right under the Stockholders Agreement to approve new issuances of Common Stock by the Company (subject to certain exceptions) and to purchase a pro rata portion of such new shares.

On May 19, 2009, the Company and Novartis Pharma entered into an S-3 Financing Waiver and Consent (the Waiver and Consent) under which Novartis Pharma consented to the filing of the Registration Statement, waived its right to include shares of Common stock in such Registration Statement, approved the issuance and sale by the Company of new shares of Common Stock pursuant to the Registration Statement (such issuance and sale, the S-3 Financing) and waived its right to purchase a pro rata portion of such new shares. In addition, pursuant to the Waiver and Consent, the Company granted Novartis Pharma the right to designate an additional director to serve on the Company's Board, including the right, for up to one year, to remove and replace such designee. The Waiver and Consent is conditioned on Novartis holding not less than forty-three percent (43%) of the Common Stock outstanding immediately after completion of the S-3 Financing and is effective through December 31, 2010.

As described in the Original Schedule 13D, Novartis Pharma and the Company are parties to a Letter Agreement under which Novartis Pharma has certain rights with respect to the selection, appointment and termination of the Chief Financial Officer of the Company. On January 28, 2009, Novartis Pharma and the Company entered into an amendment to the Letter Agreement (the Letter Amendment). The Letter Amendment provides that so long as Novartis Pharma and its affiliates own at least forty percent (40%) of the Company's Common Stock, Novartis Pharma's consent is required for the selection and appointment of the Company's Chief Financial Officer. Prior to the execution of the Letter Amendment, the ownership requirement was fifty percent (50%). If in Novartis Pharma's reasonable judgment the Chief Financial Officer is not satisfactorily performing his or her duties, the Company is required to terminate his or her employment.

The descriptions of each of the Waiver and Consent and Letter Amendment are qualified by reference to the full text thereof, which is included as an exhibit hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

No change except as described below.

(a) and (b) Novartis is the beneficial owner of 31,314,942 shares of Common Stock representing 53.0% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock, all of which shares are owned directly by Novartis Pharma. Novartis has shared power to vote or direct the vote and shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of all shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by it.

Novartis Pharma is the record and beneficial owner of 31,314,942 shares of Common Stock, representing 53.0% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock. Novartis Pharma has shared power to vote or direct the vote and shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of all shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by it.

To the best knowledge of each of the Reporting Persons, none of the persons listed on Schedule I hereto with respect to such Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of any shares of Common Stock.

(c) Except for the transactions described in Item 3 neither the Reporting Persons nor, to the best knowledge of each of the Reporting Persons, any of the persons listed on Schedule I has engaged in any transaction in the Common Stock in the past 60 days.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer

No change.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits

No change except for the additional exhibits described below.

Exhibit 1 S-3 Financing Waiver and Consent, dated as of May 19, 2009.

Exhibit 2 Amendment to Letter Agreement, dated as of January 28, 2009, by and between the Company and Novartis Pharma, incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's 8-K filed by the Company on February 6, 2009.

Exhibit 3 Amendment No. 2 to Development, License and Commercialization Agreement, dated as of December 21, 2004, by and among the Company, Idenix (Cayman) Limited and Novartis Pharma, incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.16 to the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004 filed by the Company on March 17, 2005.

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- Exhibit 4 Amendment No. 3 to Development, License and Commercialization Agreement, dated as of February 27, 2006, by and among the Company, Idenix (Cayman) Limited and Novartis Pharma, incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.14 to the Company's annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005 filed by the Company on March 16, 2006.
- Exhibit 5 Amendment No. 4 to Development, License and Commercialization Agreement, dated as of September 28, 2007, by and among the Company, Idenix (Cayman) Limited and Novartis Pharma, incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2007 filed by the Company on November 8, 2007.
- Exhibit 6 Amendment No. 5 to Development, License and Commercialization Agreement, dated as of January 28, 2009, by and among the Company, Idenix (Cayman) Limited and Novartis Pharma, incorporated by reference from Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's 8-K filed by the Company on February 6, 2009.

SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: May 19, 2009

NOVARTIS AG

By: /s/ Paul David Burns
Name: Paul David Burns
Title: Authorized Signatory

By: /s/ Thomas Werlen
Name: Dr. Thomas Werlen
Title: Authorized Signatory

NOVARTIS PHARMA AG

By: /s/ Anthony A. Hörning
Name: Anthony A. Hörning
Title: Head, Global Alliance Management

By: /s/ Paul David Burns
Name: Paul David Burns
Title: General Counsel

SCHEDULE I to Form 13-D/A

DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF
NOVARTIS AND NOVARTIS PHARMA

DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF NOVARTIS

The name, address, citizenship and present principal occupation or employment of each of the directors and executive officers of Novartis are set forth below. Unless otherwise indicated below, each occupation set forth opposite an individual's name refers to employment with Novartis.

| Name | Relationship to Novartis | Principal Occupation | Citizenship |
|----------------------|---|---|-------------|
| Daniel Vasella, M.D. | Chairman of the Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer | Chairman of the Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer | Swiss |
| Ulrich Lehner, Ph.D. | Vice Chairman and Lead Director of the Board of Directors | Member of Shareholder's Committee of Henkel AG & Co. KGaA, manufacturer and vendor of consumer products; Henkelstrasse 67, 40191 Düsseldorf, Germany Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Deutsche Telekom AG, provider of telecommunications services; Friedrich-Ebert-Allee 140, 53113 Bonn, Germany | German |
| Hans-Jörg Rudloff | Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors | Chairman of Barclays Capital, provider of financial services; 5 The North Colonnade, Canary Wharf, London, E14 4BB, United Kingdom | German |
| William R. Brody | Director | President of the Salk Institute for Biological Studies, 10010 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, CA 92037, USA | American |
| Srikant Datar, Ph.D. | Director | Senior Associate Dean; Morgan Hall 361, Harvard Business School, Soldiers Field Road, Boston, MA 02163, USA | American |

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| Ann Fudge | Director | <p>Member of the Board of General Electric Company, diversified technology, media, and financial services corporation; 3135 Easton Turnpike, Fairfield, CT 06828, USA</p> <p>Trustee of The Rockefeller Foundation; 420 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10018, USA</p> <p>Chair of the U.S. Program Advisory Panel of the Gates Foundation; PO Box 23350, Seattle, WA 98102, USA</p> | American |
| Alexandre F. Jetzer | Director | Consultant Novartis International AG, 4002 Basel, Switzerland | Swiss |
| Pierre Landolt | Director | President of the Sandoz Family Foundation; 85 Avenue Général-Guisan, CH-1009 Pully, Switzerland | Swiss |
| Andreas von Planta, Ph.D. | Director | Partner at the law firm of Lenz & Staehelin; Route de Chêne 30, CH- 1211 Geneva 17, Switzerland | Swiss |
| Dr. Ing. Wendelin Wiedeking | Director | Chairman of the Executive Board of Dr.-Ing. H.c. F. Porsche AG, automobile manufacturer, Porscheplatz 1, 70432 Stuttgart, Germany | German |
| Marjorie M. Yang | Director | Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Esquel Group, textile and apparel manufacturer; Esquel Enterprises Limited, 12/F, Harbour Centre, 25 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong | Chinese |
| Rolf M. Zinkernagel, M.D. | Director | Professor at the Institute of Experimental Immunology, University of Zurich, Schmelzbergstrasse 12, CH-8091 Zurich, Switzerland | Swiss |

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| Raymund Breu, Ph.D. | Member of the Executive Committee, Chief Financial Officer | Member of the Executive Committee, Chief Financial Officer | Swiss |
| Jürgen Brokatzky-Geiger, Ph.D. | Member of the Executive Committee, Head of Human Resources | Member of the Executive Committee, Head of Human Resources | German |
| Mark C. Fishman, M.D. | Member of the Executive Committee, President of the Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research | Member of the Executive Committee, President of the Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research | American |
| Joseph Jimenez | Member of the Executive Committee, CEO of Novartis Pharmaceuticals Division | Member of the Executive Committee, CEO of Novartis Pharmaceuticals Division | American |
| Jörg Reinhardt, Ph.D. | Member of the Executive Committee, Chief Operating Officer | Member of the Executive Committee, Chief Operating Officer | German |
| Andreas Rummelt, Ph.D. | Member of the Executive Committee, Group Head of Quality Assurance and Technical Operations | Member of the Executive Committee, Group Head of Quality Assurance and Technical Operations | German |
| Thomas Wellauer, Ph.D. | Member of the Executive Committee, Head of Corporate Affairs | Member of the Executive Committee, Head of Corporate Affairs | Swiss |
| Thomas Werlen, Ph.D. | Member of the Executive Committee, Group General Counsel | Member of the Executive Committee, Group General Counsel | Swiss |

DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF NOVARTIS PHARMA

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| Name | Relationship to Novartis | Principal Occupation | Citizenship |
|--|---|--|--------------------|
| Daniel Vasella, M.D. Director | Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer | Chairman of the Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer of Novartis | Swiss |
| Dr. Raymund Breu, Ph.D. Director | Chief Financial Officer | Chief Financial Officer of Novartis | Swiss |
| Joseph Jimenez Director Head of Management | CEO of Novartis Pharmaceuticals Division | CEO of Novartis Pharmaceuticals Division | American |

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JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

In accordance with Rule 13d-1(k) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, each of the persons named below agrees to the joint filing of a Statement on Schedule 13D (including amendments thereto) with respect to the common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of Idenix Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

Date: May 19, 2009

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