Form 8-K December 14, 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): December 11, 2006

CORTEX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 1-16467 (Commission File Number) 33-0303583 (I.R.S Employer Identification No.)

15241 Barranca Parkway

Irvine, California (Address of principal executive offices)

92618 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (949) 727-3157

N/A

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- " Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

Effective December 15, 2006, Harry H. Mansbach, M.D., Vice President of Clinical Development, will leave Cortex to pursue another business opportunity. The company plans to re-fill this position in the near future and use the consulting services of one of its board members, Dr. Gary Tollefson, M.D., Ph.D. for support of any near term medical services.

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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.

CORTEX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Date: December 14, 2006

By: /s/ Maria S. Messinger

Maria S. Messinger

Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

and Corporate Secretary