

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

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**  
**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of**  
**the Securities Exchange Act 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 29, 2008**

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**Titan Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

**001-13341**  
(Commission File Number)

**94-3171940**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**400 Oyster Point Blvd., Suite 505, South San Francisco, CA**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**94080**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 650-244-4990**

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

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

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- ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12(b))
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On October 30, 2008, Titan Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the “Company”) issued a press release announcing that it had received an Office Action from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) rejecting the claims in the Company’s method of use patent application for the use of Probuphine in the treatment of opioid addiction and chronic pain. The press release is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated October 30, 2008

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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.

TITAN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: /s/ Marc Rubin

Marc Rubin, Chief Executive Officer

Dated: October 31, 2008

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## EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated October 30, 2008

**Titan Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**

Company:  
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Executive Vice President & CFO  
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**Titan Pharmaceuticals Provides Update on Probuphine® Patent Application**

**South San Francisco, CA – October 30, 2008** – Titan Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (AMEX:TTP) today announced that it has received an Office Action from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) rejecting the claims in the Company's method of use patent application for the use of Probuphine in the treatment of opioid addiction and chronic pain. Probuphine is Titan's novel, subcutaneous implant formulation in development that delivers six months of buprenorphine, and is presently covered by US and European patents licensed from Massachusetts Institute of Technology with terms that expire in 2009 and 2010 respectively. This does not impact the expected data exclusivity protection following product approval of 3 years in the US (Hatch- Waxman Act) and 10 years in Europe, although it may make partnering in the US more difficult. Titan is preparing a response to this Office Action to be submitted to the PTO.

**About Probuphine**

Probuphine is designed to provide continuous, long-term therapeutic levels of the drug buprenorphine, an approved agent for the treatment of opioid addiction. Probuphine was developed using ProNeura, Titan's continuous drug delivery system that consists of a small, solid rod made from a mixture of ethylene-vinyl acetate (EVA) and a drug substance. The resulting product is a solid matrix that is placed subcutaneously, normally in the upper arm in a simple office procedure, and is removed in a similar manner at the end of the treatment period. The drug substance is released slowly, at continuous levels, through the process of diffusion. This results in a constant rate of release similar to intravenous administration.

**About Titan Pharmaceuticals**

Titan Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (AMEX: TTP) is focused primarily on the late-stage development and commercialization of innovative treatments for central nervous system disorders. Probuphine, which utilizes Titan's proprietary ProNeura long term drug delivery technology, has demonstrated positive results in Phase III testing for treatment of opiate addiction, and the Company is planning to develop this validated sustained drug delivery technology for other potential treatment applications in which conventional treatment is limited by variability in blood drug levels and poor patient compliance. Products based on ProNeura technology can provide controlled drug release on an outpatient basis over extended periods of up to 6-12 months. Titan also has two other products, gallium maltolate and DITPA, in earlier stages of development. For more information, please visit the Company's website at [www.titanpharm.com](http://www.titanpharm.com).

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*The press release may contain “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such statements include, but are not limited to, any statements relating to the Company’s development program and any other statements that are not historical facts. Such statements involve risks and uncertainties, including, but not limited to, those risks and uncertainties relating to difficulties or delays in development, testing, regulatory approval, production and marketing of the Company’s drug candidates, adverse side effects or inadequate therapeutic efficacy of the Company’s drug candidates that could slow or prevent product development or commercialization, the uncertainty of patent protection for the Company’s intellectual property or trade secrets, and the Company’s ability to obtain additional financing. Such statements are based on management’s current expectations, but actual results may differ materially due to various factors, including those risks and uncertainties mentioned or referred to in this press release.*

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