CYTRX CORP Form 8-K January 07, 2010

# 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 (Earliest Event Reported): January 1, 2010

#### CYTRX CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

000-15327 58-1642740 (Commission File Number) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

11726 San Vicente Boulevard, Suite 650
Los Angeles, California 90049
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(310) 826-5648 (Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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ITEM 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

Employment Agreement with John Y. Caloz

On January 1, 2010, CytRx Corporation ("we," "us," "CytRx" or the "Company") entered into an employment agreement with John Y. Caloz, under which we agree to continue to employ Mr. Caloz as our Chief Financial Officer through December 31, 2010. Under his employment agreement, Mr. Caloz is entitled to a base annual salary of \$325,000. We agree in his employment agreement to review Mr. Caloz's base salary periodically, and may increase (but not decrease) it in our sole discretion. Mr. Caloz also is eligible to receive a bonus as determined by us in our sole discretion. In the event we terminate Mr. Caloz's employment without "cause" (as defined in his employment agreement), we agree to pay him a lump-sum severance amount equal to six months' base annual salary under his employment agreement.

#### Employment Agreement with Benjamin S. Levin

On January 1, 2010, we entered into an employment agreement with Benjamin S. Levin, our Vice President — Legal Affairs, General Counsel and Secretary, under which we agree to continue Mr. Levin's employment in that capacity through December 31, 2010. Under his employment agreement, Mr. Levin is entitled to a base annual salary of \$315,000. We agree in his employment agreement to review Mr. Levin's base salary periodically, and may increase (but not decrease) it in our sole discretion. Mr. Levin also is eligible to receive a bonus as determined by us in our sole discretion. In the event we terminate Mr. Levin's employment without "cause" (as defined in his employment agreement), we agree to pay him a lump-sum severance amount equal to six months' base annual salary under his employment agreement.

#### **Employment Agreement with Scott Wieland**

On January 1, 2010, we entered into an employment agreement with Scott Wieland, under which we agree to employ Mr. Wieland as our Senior Vice President – Drug Development, through December 31, 2010. Under his employment agreement, Mr. Wieland is entitled to a base annual salary of \$315,000. We agree in his employment agreement to review Mr. Wieland's base salary periodically, and may increase (but not decrease) it in our sole discretion. Mr. Wieland also is eligible to receive a bonus as determined by us in our sole discretion. In the event we terminate Mr. Wieland's employment without "cause" (as defined in his employment agreement), we agree to pay him a lump-sum severance amount equal to six months' base annual salary under his employment agreement.

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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.

## CYTRX CORPORATION

By: /s/ Steven A. Kriegsman Steven A. Kriegsman President and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: January 5, 2010