As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 24, 2007.

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM S-8 **REGISTRATION STATEMENT** UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

Nabi Biopharmaceuticals

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

59-1212264 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

5800 Park of Commerce Boulevard, N.W. Boca Raton, FL 33487 (Address of Principal Executive Offices, Including Zip Code)

> 2000 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (Full Title of the Plan)

Leslie Hudson, Ph.D. Nabi Biopharmaceuticals 5800 Park of Commerce Boulevard, N.W. Boca Raton, FL 33487 (561) 989-5800 (Name, Address, and Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Agent for Service)

> Copies to: James E. Dawson, Esq. Nutter, McClennen & Fish, LLP **155 Seaport Boulevard** Boston, MA 02210-2604 (617) 439-2000

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| | Amount to be | Proposed Maximum Offering Price | Proposed Maximum Aggregate | Amount of |
|--|-------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered | Registered | per Share | Offering Price | Registration Fee |
| Common Stock, par value \$.10 per share (1) | 500,000 shares(2) | \$ 5.20(3 |) \$ 2,600,000(3) | \$ 79.82 |

(1) This registration statement also relates to rights to purchase shares of Series One Preferred Stock. The rights are attached to the Common Stock and are issued pursuant to the terms of the registrant's Rights Agreement dated August 1, 1997, as amended. Until the occurrence of certain events, the rights will not be exercisable and will be transferable with and only with the Common Stock. Because no separate consideration is to be paid for the rights, the registration fee for the rights is included in the registration fee for the Common Stock.

(2) This registration statement covers up to 500,000 shares of Common Stock that may be issued under the registrant's 2000 Employee Stock Purchase Plan. This registration statement also covers an indeterminate number of shares that may become issuable under the Plan as a result of a stock dividend, stock split, or other recapitalization.

(3) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee pursuant to Rules 457(c) and (h) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, based on the average of the high and low sale prices per share of the Common Stock as reported on The Nasdaq Global Market on May 18, 2007.

REGISTRATION OF ADDITIONAL SECURITIES

On February 14, 2007 the board of directors of Nabi Biopharmaceuticals, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), amended and restated the Company's 2000 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "Plan"), subject to the approval of the stockholders of the Company, to reflect prior amendments to the Plan and increase the number of shares of the Company's common stock, par value \$.10 per share (the "Common Stock"), available for purchase under the Plan from 1,000,000 to 1,500,000. On May 18, 2007, the stockholders of the Company approved the Plan. The Company is filing this registration statement to register the issuance of up to 500,000 additional shares of Common Stock that may be issued under the Plan as a result of the amendment to the Plan. Pursuant to General Instruction E to Form S-8, the contents of the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on June 8, 2000 (File No. 333-38864) and its Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed with the Commission on September 22, 2003 (File No. 333-109017) are incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Boca Raton, State of Florida, on May 24, 2007.

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By: /s/ Leslie Hudson, Ph.D.

Leslie Hudson, Ph.D. President and Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Leslie Hudson, Jordan Siegel, Constantine Alexander, and James Dawson, and each of them, with full power to act without the others, as his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for the undersigned and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this registration statement and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and all documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing necessary or advisable to be done in connection therewith, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of them or their substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

| Signatures | Title | Date |
|----------------------------|---|--------------|
| /s/ Leslie Hudson, Ph.D. | | |
| Leslie Hudson, Ph.D. | President, Chief Executive Officer and Director | May 24, 2007 |
| /s/ Jordan I. Siegel | Senior Vice President, Finance, | N. 04 2007 |
| Jordan I. Siegel | Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer | May 24, 2007 |
| /s/ Jason M. Aryeh | | |
| Jason M. Aryeh | Director | May 24, 2007 |
| /s/ David L. Castaldi | | |
| David L. Castaldi | Director | May 24, 2007 |
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| /s/ Geoffrey F. Cox, Ph.D. | Non-executive Chairman of the Board of | |
| Geoffrey F. Cox, Ph.D. | Directors | May 24, 2007 |
| /s/ Peter B. Davis | | |
| Peter B. Davis | Director | May 24, 2007 |
| /s/ Richard A. Harvey | | |
| Richard A. Harvey, Jr. | Director | May 24, 2007 |
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| /s/ Linda Jenckes | | |
| Linda Jenckes | Director | May 24, 2007 |
| /s/ Timothy P. Lynch | | |
| Timothy P. Lynch | Director | May 24, 2007 |
| /s/ Stephen G. Sudovar | | |
| Stephen G. Sudovar | Director | May 24, 2007 |
| | Director | Way 24, 2007 |

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit No. | Description |
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| 4.1 | Certificate of Designations of Series One Preferred Stock contained in the Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Nabi Biopharmaceuticals (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 26, 2004) |
| 4.2 | Form of Common Stock Certificate (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 30, 2006) |
| 4.3 | Rights Agreement dated August 1, 1997, as amended, between Nabi Biopharmaceuticals and Registrar and Transfer Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.28 to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1997) |
| 4.4 | Agreement of Substitution and Amendment of Rights Agreement dated July 1, 2002, between Nabi Biopharmaceuticals, Registrant and Transfer Company, and American Stock Transfer & Trust Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 28, 2002) |
| 4.5 | Indenture between Nabi Biopharmaceuticals and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, dated April 19, 2005 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.5 to our Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-12541), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 25, 2005) |
| 4.6 | Registration Rights Agreement between Nabi Biopharmaceuticals and Lehman Brothers Inc., Bear, Stearns & Co. Inc., and Wachovia Capital Markets, LLC, dated April 19, 2005 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.6 to our Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-12541), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 25, 2005) |
| 4.7 | Global Note evidencing the unregistered portion of our 2.875% Convertible Senior Notes (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.7 to our Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-12541), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 25, 2005) |
| 4.8 | Global Note evidencing the registered portion of our 2.875% Convertible Senior Notes (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.8 to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2005) |
| 5 | Opinion of Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP |
| 23.1 | Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm |
| 23.2 | Consent of Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP (contained in Exhibit 5) |
| 24 | Power of Attorney, (contained on signature page) |
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Nabi Biopharmaceuticals 5800 Park of Commerce Boulevard, N.W. Boca Raton, FL 33487

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Nabi Biopharmaceuticals, a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), in connection with the preparation and filing of a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the "Registration Statement") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), relating to up to 500,000 shares (the "Shares") of the Company's common stock, par value \$0.10 per share, that may be issued under the Company's Amended and Restated 2000 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan").

We have examined such documents and made such other investigation as we have deemed appropriate to render the opinion set forth below. As to matters of fact material to our opinion, we have relied, without independent verification, on certificates and other inquiries of officers of the Company. We have also relied on certificates of public officials.

The opinion expressed below is limited to the Delaware General Corporation Law, the applicable provisions of the Delaware Constitution, and reported judicial decisions interpreting these laws.

Based upon the foregoing, we are of the opinion that the Shares have been duly authorized and, when issued, delivered, and paid for in accordance with the Plan, the Registration Statement and the related Prospectus, will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

This opinion letter shall be interpreted in accordance with the Legal Opinion Principles issued by the Committee on Legal Opinions of the American Bar Association's Business Law Section as published in 53 Bus. Law. 831 (May 1998).

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion letter as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required by Section 7 of the Securities Act.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Nutter, McClennen & Fish, LLP

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-00000) pertaining to the 2000 Employee Stock Purchase Plan of Nabi Biopharmaceuticals of our reports dated March 9, 2007, with respect to the consolidated financial statements and schedule of Nabi Biopharmaceuticals included in its Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 30, 2006, Nabi Biopharmaceuticals management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of Nabi Biopharmaceuticals, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

> /s/ Ernst & Young LLP Certified Public Accountants

Fort Lauderdale, Florida May 22, 2007