

Simcere Pharmaceutical Group  
Form SC 13G/A  
February 13, 2009

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549  
SCHEDULE 13G  
(Rule 13d-102)**

**Information to be Included in Statements Filed Pursuant to Rules 13d-1 (b), (c)  
and (d) and Amendments Thereto Filed Pursuant To Rule 13d-2.**

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 1)\***

**Simcere Pharmaceutical Group**

(Name of Issuer)

Ordinary Shares, par value US\$0.01 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

82859P 10 4<sup>1</sup>

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2008

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be filed for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ( Act ) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the *Notes*).

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<sup>1</sup> This CUSIP number applies to the Issuer's American Depositary Shares, each representing two Ordinary Shares.

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Assure Ahead Investments Limited

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

**2**  
(a)   
(b)

**3** SEC USE ONLY

**4** CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  
British Virgin Islands

**5** SOLE VOTING POWER  
NUMBER OF 17,924,692 Ordinary Shares

**6** SHARED VOTING POWER  
SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 0

**7** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER  
EACH REPORTING PERSON 17,924,692 Ordinary Shares

**8** SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER  
WITH: 0

**9** AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON  
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**10** CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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**11** PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

14.5%

**12** TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

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**ITEM      NAME OF ISSUER:****1(a).**

Simcere Pharmaceutical Group (the Issuer )

**ITEM      ADDRESS OF ISSUER S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES:****1(b).**

No. 699-18 Xuan Wu Avenue  
 Xuan Wu District, Nanjing  
 Jiangsu Province 210042  
 People s Republic of China

**ITEM      NAME OF PERSON FILING:****2(a).**

This Schedule 13G is filed by and on behalf of (a) Assure Ahead Investments Limited, (b) Hony Capital II, L.P. and (c) Hony Capital II GP Ltd. Hony Capital II, L.P. holds all equity interest in Assure Ahead Investments Limited and has the right to appoint and remove all directors of Assure Ahead Investments Limited. Pursuant to Rule 13d-3 under the Act, Hony Capital II, L.P. may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the Ordinary Shares of the Issuer owned by Assure Ahead Investments Limited. Hony Capital II GP Ltd. is the general partner of Hony Capital II, L.P. Pursuant to Rule 13d-3 under the Act, Hony Capital II GP Ltd. may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the Ordinary Shares of the Issuers beneficially owned by Hony Capital II, L.P. Assure Ahead Investments Limited, Hony Capital II, L.P. and Hony Capital II GP Ltd. are making this single, joint filing pursuant to Rule 13d-1(k) of the Act because each of them is reporting as to the beneficial ownership of the same securities.

**ITEM      ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE, OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE:****2(b).**

The address of principal business office of each of Assure Ahead Investments Limited, Hony Capital II, L.P. and Hony Capital II GP Ltd. is 6th Floor, South Tower C, Raycom InfoTech Park, No.2 Kexueyuan Nanlu, Haidian District, Beijing 100080, the People s Republic of China

**ITEM 2(c)      CITIZENSHIP:**

Assure Ahead Investments Limited is a British Virgin Islands company. Hony Capital II, L.P. and Hony Capital II GP Ltd. are chartered in the Cayman Islands.

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**ITEM 2(d). TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES:**

Ordinary Shares

**ITEM 2(e). CUSIP NUMBER:**

82859P 10 4

**ITEM 3. STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1(b) or 13d-2(b) or (c):**

Not applicable.

**ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP.**

The following information with respect to the ownership of the Ordinary Shares of the Issuer by the persons filing this statement is provided as of December 31, 2008. The percentage amounts are based on 124,040,898 Ordinary Shares outstanding as of December 31, 2008, as derived from the Issuer's corporate records.

Reporting Person	Amount beneficially owned:	Percent of class:	Number of shares as to which the person has:			
			Sole power to vote or to direct the vote:	Shared power to vote or to direct the vote:	Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:	Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:
Assure Ahead Investments Limited	17,924,692	14.5%	17,924,692		17,924,692	
Hony Capital II, L.P.	17,924,692	14.5%	17,924,692		17,924,692	
Hony Capital II GP Ltd.	17,924,692	14.5%	17,924,692		17,924,692	

Assure Ahead Investments Limited is the record holder of 17,924,692 Ordinary Shares of the Issuer. Honycapital II, L.P. holds all equity interest in Assure Ahead Investments Limited and has the right to appoint and remove all directors of Assure Ahead Investments Limited. Pursuant to Rule 13d-3 under the Act, Honycapital II, L.P. may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the Ordinary Shares of the Issuer owned by Assure Ahead Investments Limited. Honycapital II GP Ltd. is the general partner of Honycapital II, L.P. Pursuant to Rule 13d-3 under the Act, Honycapital II GP Ltd. may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the Ordinary Shares of the Issuers beneficially owned by Honycapital II, L.P.

**ITEM 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS.**

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than 5 percent of the class of securities, check the following: o

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**ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON.**

Not applicable

**ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY.**

Hony Capital II, L.P. holds all equity interest in Assure Ahead Investments Limited. Hony Capital II GP Ltd. holds a general partnership interest in Hony Capital II, L.P.

**ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP.**

Not applicable

**ITEM 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP.**

Not applicable

**ITEM 10. CERTIFICATION.**

Not applicable

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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.

Dated: February 13, 2009

**Assure Ahead Investments Limited**

By: /s/ Yonggang Cao  
Yonggang Cao  
Director

**Hony Capital II, L.P.**  
Acting by its general partner  
Hony Capital II GP Ltd.

By: /s/ John Huan Zhao  
John Huan Zhao  
a duly authorized representative

**Hony Capital II GP LTD.**

By: /s/ John Huan Zhao  
John Huan Zhao  
Director