## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

## SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

| (Amendment No.)*  | •  |
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| INCYTE CORPORATION  |  |
| (Name of Issuer)  |  |
| Common Stock, \$0.001 Par Value   |  |
| (Title of Class of Securities)  |  |
| 45337C102   |  |
| (CUSIP Number)  |  |
| August 1, 2008  |  |
| (Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)   |  |
| Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to vis filed:  | which this Schedule                                    |
| [ ] Rule 13d-1(b) [X] Rule 13d-1(c) [ ] Rule 13d-1(d)   |  |
| *The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a initial filing on this form with respect to the subject cland for any subsequent amendment containing information which disclosures provided in a prior cover page.  The information required on the remainder of this cover page deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the | ass of securities, ich would alter the ge shall not be |
| Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the the Notes).   | s of that section of                                   |
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| CUSIP No. 45337C102 13G   | Page 2 of 10 Pages                                     |
| 1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON  |  |
| S.A.C. Capital Advisors, LLC  |  |
| 2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*   |  |
|   | (a) [ ]<br>(b) [X]                                     |
| 3 SEC USE ONLY  |  |
| 4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION  |  |
| Delaware  |  |
| 5 SOLE VOTING POWER   |  |

| NUMBER OF CHARES                    | 6        | SHARED VOTING POWER                                 |
|-------------------------------------|----------|---|
| NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED |          | 3,474,339* (see Item 4)                             |
| BY EACH REPORTING<br>PERSON WITH    | 7        | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER                              |
|                                     |          | 0   |
|                                     | 8        | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER                            |
|                                     |          | 3,474,339* (see Item 4)                             |
| 9 AGGREGATE                         | AMOUNT   | BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON         |
| 3,474,339                           | * (see ] | Item 4)   |
| 10 CHECK BOX                        | IF THE   | AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES |
| [ ]                                 |          |   |
|                                     |          |   |
| 11 PERCENT 0                        | F CLASS  | REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)                    |
| 4.1%* (se                           | e Item 4 | 4)  |
| 12 TYPE OF R                        | EPORTING | G PERSON*   |
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| 1                             | NAME OF REPORTIN |                                  |                    |
|                               | S.A.C. Capital M |                                  |                    |
| 2                             |                  | RIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP |                    |
|                               |                  |                                  | (a) [ ]<br>(b) [X] |
| 3                             | SEC USE ONLY     |                                  |                    |
| 4                             |                  | LACE OF ORGANIZATION             |                    |
|                               | Delaware         |                                  |                    |
|                               | 5                | SOLE VOTING POWER                |                    |
|                               |                  | 0                                |                    |
|                               |                  | SHARED VOTING POWER              |                    |
| NUMBER OF<br>BENEFICIAL       | LY OWNED         | 3,474,339* (see Item 4)          |                    |
| BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH |                  | SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER           |                    |
|                               |                  | 0                                |                    |
|                               | 8                | SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER         |                    |
|                               |                  | 3,474,339* (see Item 4)          |                    |
| 9                             | AGGREGATE AMOUNT | BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPOR | RTING PERSON       |
|                               | 3,474,339* (see  |                                  |                    |
| 10                            | CHECK BOX IF THE | AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCL |                    |
|                               | [ ]              |                                  |                    |
| 11                            |                  | REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9) |                    |
|                               | 4.1%* (see Item  |                                  |                    |
| 12                            | TYPE OF REPORTIN | G PERSON*                        |                    |
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| 1   | NAME OF REPO          | IFICATION                          | RSON<br>N NO. OF ABOVE PERSO  | N                           |
| 2   | CHECK THE AF          | PROPRIATE                          | BOX IF A MEMBER OF  | A GROUP* (a) [] (b) [X]     |
| 3   | SEC USE ONLY          | ,                                  |   |                             |
| 4   |                       | OR PLACE                           | OF ORGANIZATION   |                             |
|   | Delaware              |                                    |   |                             |
| NUMBER OF<br>BENEFICIAL<br>BY EACH RE<br>PERSON WIT | LY OWNED<br>PORTING - | 0<br>6 SHAR<br>1,98<br>7 SOLE<br>0 | RED VOTING POWER  34,266 (see Item 4)  E DISPOSITIVE POWER  RED DISPOSITIVE POWER |                             |
| 9   | AGGREGATE AM          | OUNT BENE                          | FICIALLY OWNED BY E   | ACH REPORTING PERSON        |
|   | 1,984,266 (s          | ee Item 4                          | 1)  |                             |
| 10  | CHECK BOX IF          | THE AGGR                           | REGATE AMOUNT IN ROW  | (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES |
|   | [ ]                   |                                    |   |                             |
| 11  | PERCENT OF C          | LASS REPR                          | RESENTED BY AMOUNT I  | N ROW (9)                   |
|   | 2.3% (see It          | em 4)                              |   |                             |
| 12  | TYPE OF REPO          | RTING PER                          | RSON*   |                             |
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| 1                                      | NAME OF REPORTIN | G PERSON<br>ATION NO. OF ABOVE | PERSON           |                     |
|  | Steven A. Cohen  |                                |                  |                     |
| 2                                      | CHECK THE APPROP | RIATE BOX IF A MEM             | BER OF A GROUP*  | · · · · · ·         |
|  |                  |                                |                  | (a) [ ]<br>(b) [X]  |
| 3                                      | SEC USE ONLY     |                                |                  |                     |
| 4                                      |                  | LACE OF ORGANIZATI             |                  |                     |
|  | United States    |                                |                  |                     |
|  | 5                | SOLE VOTING POWER              |                  |                     |
|  |                  | 0                              |                  |                     |
| NUMBER OF                              |                  | SHARED VOTING POW              | IER              |                     |
| NUMBER OF SHARES<br>BENEFICIALLY OWNED | LY OWNED         | 5,458,605* (see I              | •                |                     |
| PERSON WIT                             | PORTING<br>H 7   | SOLE DISPOSITIVE               |                  |                     |
|  |                  | 0                              |                  |                     |
|  | 8                | SHARED DISPOSITIV              |                  |                     |
|  |                  | 5,458,605* (see I              | Item 4)          |                     |
| 9                                      | AGGREGATE AMOUNT | BENEFICIALLY OWNE              | D BY EACH REPOR  | TING PERSON         |
|  | 5,458,605* (see  |                                |                  |                     |
| 10                                     | CHECK BOX IF THE |                                |                  | UDES CERTAIN SHARES |
|  | [ ]              |                                |                  |                     |
| 11                                     | PERCENT OF CLASS | REPRESENTED BY AM              | MOUNT IN ROW (9) |                     |
|  | 6.4%* (see Item  | 4)                             |                  |                     |
| 12                                     | TYPE OF REPORTIN | G PERSON*                      |                  |                     |
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Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:

**Incyte Corporation** 

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

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Experimental Station, Route 141 & Henry Clay Road, Building E336, Wilmington, DE 19880

Items 2(a) Name of Person Filing:

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This statement is filed by: (i) S.A.C. Capital Advisors, LLC ("SAC Capital Advisors") with respect to shares of common stock, \$0.001 par value ("Shares"), of the Issuer beneficially owned by S.A.C. Capital Associates, LLC ("SAC Capital Associates"), S.A.C. Arbitrage Fund, LLC ("SAC Arbitrage Fund") and S.A.C. Select Fund, LLC ("SAC Select Fund"); (ii) S.A.C. Capital Management, LLC ("SAC Capital Management") with respect to Shares beneficially owned by SAC Capital Associates, SAC Arbitrage Fund and SAC Select Fund; (iii) CR Intrinsic Investors, LLC ("CR Intrinsic Investors") with respect to Shares beneficially owned by CR Intrinsic Investments, LLC ("CR Intrinsic Investments"); and (iv) Steven A. Cohen with respect to Shares beneficially owned by SAC Capital Advisors, SAC Capital Management, SAC Capital Associates, SAC Arbitrage Fund, SAC Select Fund, CR Intrinsic Investors and CR Intrinsic Investments.

SAC Capital Advisors, SAC Capital Management, CR Intrinsic Investors and Steven A. Cohen have entered into a Joint Filing Agreement, a copy of which is filed with this Schedule 13G as Exhibit 99.1, pursuant to which they have agreed to file this Schedule 13G jointly in accordance with the provisions of Rule 13d-1(k) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office:

The address of the principal business office of (i) SAC Capital Advisors, CR Intrinsic Investors and Mr. Cohen is 72 Cummings Point Road, Stamford, Connecticut 06902 and (ii) SAC Capital Management is 540 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10022.

Item 2(c) Citizenship:

SAC Capital Advisors, SAC Capital Management and CR Intrinsic Investors are Delaware limited liability companies. Mr. Cohen is a United States citizen.

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Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock, \$0.001 par value

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Ownership:

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The percentages used herein are calculated based upon the Shares issued and outstanding as of July 25, 2008 as reported on the Issuer's quarterly report on Form 10-Q, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2008.

As of the close of business on August 6, 2008:

- 1. S.A.C. Capital Advisors, LLC
- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 3,474,339\*
- (b) Percent of class: 4.1%\*
- (c)(i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
- (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 3,474,339\*
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 3,474,339\*
- 2. S.A.C. Capital Management, LLC
- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 3,474,339\*
- (b) Percent of class: 4.1%\*
- (c)(i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
- (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 3,474,339\*
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 3,474,339\*
- 3. CR Intrinsic Investors, LLC
- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 1,984,266
- (b) Percent of class: 2.3%
- (c)(i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0-
- (ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 1,984,266
- (iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0-
- (iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 1,984,266
- 4. Steven A. Cohen
- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 5,458,605\*
- (b) Percent of class: 6.4%\*

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(c)(i) Sole power to vote or direct the vote: -0(ii) Shared power to vote or direct the vote: 5,458,605\*
(iii) Sole power to dispose or direct the disposition: -0(iv) Shared power to dispose or direct the disposition: 5,458,605\*

\*The number of Shares reported herein includes 89,139 Shares issuable upon the conversion of approximately \$1,000,000 in the aggregate principal amount of the Issuer's 3.50% Convertible Senior Notes due February 15, 2011 held by SAC Arbitrage Fund.

SAC Capital Advisors, SAC Capital Management, CR Intrinsic Investors and Mr. Cohen do not directly own any Shares. Pursuant to investment management agreements, each of SAC Capital Advisors and SAC Capital Management share all investment and voting power with respect to the securities held by SAC Capital Associates, SAC Arbitrage Fund and SAC Select Fund. Pursuant to an investment management agreement, CR Intrinsic Investors maintains investment and voting power with respect to the securities held by CR Intrinsic Investments. Mr. Cohen controls each of SAC Capital Advisors, SAC Capital Management and CR Intrinsic Investors. CR Intrinsic Investments is a wholly owned subsidiary of SAC Capital Associates. By reason of the provisions of Rule 13d-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, each of (i) SAC Capital Advisors, SAC Capital Management and Mr. Cohen may be deemed to own beneficially 3,474,339\* Shares (representing approximately 4.1%\* of the Shares outstanding) and (ii) CR Intrinsic Investors and Mr. Cohen may be deemed to own beneficially 1,984,266 Shares (constituting approximately 2.3% of the Shares outstanding). Each of SAC Capital Advisors, SAC Capital Management, CR Intrinsic Investors and Mr. Cohen disclaim beneficial ownership of any of the securities covered by this statement, and SAC Capital Associates disclaims beneficial ownership of any securities held by CR Intrinsic Investments.

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 five percent of the class of securities, check the following. []

Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another

Person:

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Not Applicable

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Item 7 Identification and Classification of the -----Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being \_\_\_\_\_ Reported on By the Parent Holding Company: -----Not Applicable Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members

of the Group:

Not Applicable

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Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group:

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Not Applicable

Item 10 Certification:

By signing below the signatory certifies that, to the best of his knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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## SIGNATURE

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: August 7, 2008

S.A.C. CAPITAL ADVISORS, LLC

By: /s/ Peter Nussbaum

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Name: Peter Nussbaum Title: Authorized Person

S.A.C. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC

By: /s/ Peter Nussbaum

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Name: Peter Nussbaum Title: Authorized Person

CR INTRINSIC INVESTORS, LLC

By: /s/ Peter Nussbaum

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Name: Peter Nussbaum Title: Authorized Person

STEVEN A. COHEN

By: /s/ Peter Nussbaum

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Name: Peter Nussbaum Title: Authorized Person

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## JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

The undersigned hereby agree that the foregoing statement on Schedule 13G is filed on behalf of each of the undersigned in accordance with the provisions of Rule 13d-1(k) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and that all subsequent amendments to this statement on Schedule 13G may be filed on behalf of each of the undersigned without the necessity of filing additional joint filing agreements.

Dated: August 7, 2008

S.A.C. CAPITAL ADVISORS, LLC

By: /s/ Peter Nussbaum

Name: Peter Nussbaum Title: Authorized Person

S.A.C. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, LLC

By: /s/ Peter Nussbaum

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STEVEN A. COHEN

By: /s/ Peter Nussbaum

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Name: Peter Nussbaum Title: Authorized Person