

GILEAD SCIENCES INC  
Form 8-K  
October 21, 2004

**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 (DATE OF EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED):  
October 21, 2004**

**GILEAD SCIENCES, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**DELAWARE**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**0-19731**  
(Commission File Number)

**94-3047598**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**333 LAKESIDE DRIVE, FOSTER CITY, CALIFORNIA**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**94404**  
(Zip Code)

**(650) 574-3000**

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**SECTION 2 FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition**

On October 21, 2004, Gilead Sciences, Inc., a Delaware corporation, issued a press release announcing earnings for the third quarter ended September 30, 2004. A copy of the earnings press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Each non-GAAP financial measure reflected in the earnings press release is included because our management uses this information to monitor and evaluate on-going results and trends excluding certain items. Our management believes the non-GAAP information is also useful for investors because these transactions, which include the fair value gain on our EyeTech Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (EyeTech) warrants as a result of EyeTech completing an initial public offering in February 2004, the in-process research and development charge of \$488.6 million from the acquisition of Triangle Pharmaceuticals, Inc. in January 2003 and the \$13.2 million settlement payment in September 2003 resulting from a contractual dispute with a vendor, were unusual due to their nature, size and infrequency. Consequently, excluding these transactions from our results provides users of the financial statements an important insight into our results and related trends that affect our core business.

**SECTION 9 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press Release, issued by Gilead Sciences, Inc. on October 21, 2004

**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.

	<b>GILEAD SCIENCES, INC.</b>	
	(Registrant)	
	/s/ John F. Milligan	
	John F. Milligan	
	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	

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