

LA JOLLA PHARMACEUTICAL CO  
Form 8-K  
February 24, 2012

**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): February 23, 2012**

**LA JOLLA PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-24274**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**33-0361285**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

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**4370 La Jolla Village Drive, Suite 400, San Diego, California 92122**

**(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (858) 452-6600**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)**

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On February 23, 2012, La Jolla Pharmaceutical Company (the Company) received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office a notification of issuance for the Company's patent application covering certain claims relating to GCS-100, a galectin-3 inhibitor that is being studied for the treatment of cancer and chronic organ failure. The patent is expected to issue on or about March 6, 2012 and will expire on March 13, 2028, without giving effect to any potential patent term extensions that may be available in the future under the Hatch-Waxman Amendments to the Drug Price Competition and Patent Term Restoration Act of 1984.

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**Signature**

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.

LA JOLLA PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY

Date: February 23, 2012

By: /s/ George Tidmarsh

Name: George Tidmarsh

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