

LA JOLLA PHARMACEUTICAL CO

Form 8-K

July 24, 2003

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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 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): July 24, 2003

La Jolla Pharmaceutical Company

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

0-24274

33-0361285

(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

6455 Nancy Ridge Drive, San Diego, California

92121

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(858) 452-6600

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 5. Other Events and Required FD Disclosure.

On July 24, 2003, the Company issued a press release announcing that, based on recent discussions with the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Company may pursue an accelerated approval for its lupus drug candidate, Riquent , under the FDA's Subpart H regulation. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

(c) *Exhibits.* The following exhibits are filed with this report on Form 8-K:

| Exhibit Number | Description of Exhibit |
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| 99.1 | Press Release |

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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.

LA JOLLA PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY

Date: July 24, 2003

By: /s/ Steven B. Engle

Steven B. Engle
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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