

LA JOLLA PHARMACEUTICAL CO
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 SMITH CRAIG R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 LA JOLLA PHARMACEUTICAL CO [LJPC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 6455 NANCY RIDGE DRIVE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/18/2006

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.99	05/18/2006	A	12,000 (1)					05/18/2007	05/18/2016	Common Stock	12,000
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.99	05/18/2006	A	8,000					(2)	05/18/2016	Common Stock	8,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SMITH CRAIG R 6455 NANCY RIDGE DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121			X	

Signatures

/s/ Gail A. Sloan Attorney-in-fact for Craig R.
Smith

05/22/2006

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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- This stock option grant consists of an automatic grant of a non-qualified stock option to purchase up to 2,000 shares of common stock
- (1) under the La Jolla Pharmaceutical Company 2004 Equity Incentive Plan and a non-qualified stock option to purchase up to 10,000 shares of common stock for service as Chairman of the Board of Directors.
 - (2) The stock options vest and become exercisable with respect to 50% of the underlying shares on 05/18/2007 and with respect to the remaining 50% of the underlying shares on 05/18/2008.

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