

LA JOLLA PHARMACEUTICAL CO

Form 8-K

July 24, 2003

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549**

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**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**

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

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0-24274

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33-0361285

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(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

6455 Nancy Ridge Drive, San Diego, California

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92121

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(858) 452-6600

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N/A

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(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:

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description of Exhibit</b>
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

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Steven B. Engle  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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