

LA JOLLA PHARMACEUTICAL CO
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
BENNETT BRUCE K JR

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
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/31/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP of Manufacturing

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/31/2006 | | J ⁽¹⁾ | V 185 A \$ 3.06 | 12,836 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | 431 | I | Held by wife |

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 (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Stock Option (right to buy) | (2) | | | | | (3) 04/17/2007 | Common Stock | 94,795 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BENNETT BRUCE K JR 6455 NANCY RIDGE DRIVE SAN DIEGO, CA 92121 | | | VP of Manufacturing | |

Signatures

/s/ Gail A. Sloan Attorney-in-fact for Bruce K. Bennett
Date: 04/18/2006

Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- (1) Acquired pursuant to the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) Same as previously reported. Reporting only direct holdings, no transaction data is necessary.

- (3) As of April 17, 2006, pursuant to the terms of the Amended and Restated Employment Agreement between the Company and the reporting person, dated February 23, 2006, all options owned by the reporting person (the "Options"), including 44,342 Options that became vested and exercisable on that date, were exercisable. The Options will expire and become unexercisable as of the close of business on April 17, 2007.

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