

LA JOLLA PHARMACEUTICAL CO

Form 8-K

May 11, 2004

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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): May 10, 2004

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 May 10, 2004, the Company issued a press release announcing that it would give four presentations on previously released data on Riquent® (abetimus sodium), its drug candidate for the treatment of lupus renal disease, at the 7th International Congress on Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE) and Related Conditions. The conference takes place May 10-13, 2004. 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: May 11, 2004

By: /s/ Gail A. Sloan

Gail A. Sloan
Vice President of Finance and Controller

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Description of Exhibit

99.1 Press Release