LA JOLLA PHARMACEUTICAL CO Form 8-K January 11, 2006

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 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):

La Jolla Pharmaceutical Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

0-24274

(Commission

File Number)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

6455 Nancy Ridge Drive, San Diego, California

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code:

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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[] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

33-0361285

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

92121

(Zip Code)

(858) 452-6600

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On January 11, 2006, La Jolla Pharmaceutical Company (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that the Company will initiate a multi-dose clinical study of Riquent® in lupus patients. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

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

Exhibit Number Description of Exhibit 99.1 Press Release, issued January 11, 2006

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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

January 11, 2006

By: /s/ Gail A. Sloan

Name: Gail A. Sloan Title: Vice President of Finance and Secretary

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Press Release, issued January 11, 2006