

LA JOLLA PHARMACEUTICAL CO

Form 8-K

February 18, 2003

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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): February 18, 2003

**La Jolla Pharmaceutical Company**

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(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 February 18, 2003, the Company issued a press release announcing the preliminary results from its Phase III clinical trial of Riquent™, formerly LJP 394. 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: February 18, 2003

By: /s/ Steven B. Engle

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Steven B. Engle  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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