LA JOLLA PHARMACEUTICAL CO Form 8-K June 24, 2004

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): June 24, 2004

La Jolla Pharmaceutical Company

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter) Delaware 0-24274 33-0361285 (State or Other Jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.) 6455 Nancy Ridge Drive, San Diego, California 92121 (Zip Code) (Address of Principal Executive Offices) 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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On June 24, 2004, the Company issued a press release announcing the publication of two articles regarding two of its drug candidates, Riquent® and LJP 1082. 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:

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99.1	Press Release

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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: June 24, 2004 By: /s/ Gail A. Sloan

Gail A. Sloan

Vice President of Finance and

Controller

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