

LA JOLLA PHARMACEUTICAL CO
Form 8-K
February 12, 2009

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):

February 12, 2009

La Jolla Pharmaceutical Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

0-24274

33-0361285

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission
File Number)

(I.R.S. 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

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On February 12, 2009, La Jolla Pharmaceutical Company (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that an Independent Data Monitoring Board for the Riquent® Phase 3 ASPEN study has informed the Company that they have completed the first interim efficacy analysis and determined that continuing the study is futile. The Company has decided to stop the study, unblind the data and evaluate the results. The Company also reported that it expects to provide additional guidance on its strategic options going forward in the near future.

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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.

February 12, 2009

La Jolla Pharmaceutical Company

By: *Gail A. Sloan*

Name: Gail A. Sloan

Title: Vice President of Finance and Secretary