

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): May 18, 2017

LA JOLLA PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

California

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

1-36282

(Commission
File Number)

33-0361285

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

10182 Telesis Court, 6th Floor, San Diego, California 92121

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (858) 207-4264

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

ITEM 8.01 OTHER EVENTS.

At noon (Eastern Time) on May 18, 2017, the New England Journal of Medicine (“NEJM”) issued an alert to its media subscribers announcing that the NEJM would be publishing the results of the recently completed ATHOS-3 Phase 3 study of LJPC-501. The article, entitled “*Angiotensin II for the Treatment of Vasodilatory Shock,*” is authored by Ashish Khanna, M.D., *et al*, and will be published on May 21, 2017 immediately after the NEJM/JAMA session at the 2017 American Thoracic Society (ATS) International Conference. The Company intends to issue a press release at that time with a link to the full text of the article.

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.

Date: May 18, 2017

La Jolla Pharmaceutical Company

/s/ George F. Tidmarsh

George F. Tidmarsh, M.D., Ph.D.

President and Chief Executive Officer