

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 5)*

Triangle Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

89589H 10 4

(CUSIP Number)

Jose M. de Lasa
Senior Vice President, Secretary
and General Counsel
Abbott Laboratories
100 Abbott Park Road
Abbott Park, Illinois 60064-6049
(847) 937-6100

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized
to Receive Notices and Communications)

January 16, 2003

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1(e), 13d-1(f) or 13d-1(g), check the following box o.

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(1) Names of Reporting Persons.
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of Above Persons (entities only)
Abbott Laboratories
36-0698440

(2) Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group*

(a) o
(b) o

(3) SEC Use Only

(4) Source of Funds*

(5) Check if Disclosure of Legal Proceedings is Required Pursuant to Items 2(d) or 2(e)

o

(6) Citizenship or Place of Organization
Illinois

NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY
EACH REPORTING
PERSON WITH:

(7) Sole Voting Power
- -0-

(8) Shared Voting Power
- -0-

(9) Sole Dispositive Power
- -0-

(10) Shared Dispositive Power
- -0-

(11) Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
- -0-

(12) Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (11) Excludes Certain Shares*

0

(13) Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (11)
0.0%

(14) Type of Reporting Person*
CO

***SEE INSTRUCTION BEFORE FILLING OUT!**

ITEM 4. PURPOSE OF TRANSACTION

Abbott tendered all of the 7,938,244 shares (the "Shares") of common stock, par value \$0.001 per share, of the Issuer (the "Common Stock") beneficially owned by it in response to the tender offer (the "Tender Offer") made by Simbolo Acquisition Sub, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Gilead Sciences, Inc. The Tender Offer expired at midnight, New York City time, on January 15, 2003 and Simbolo accepted the Shares for payment on January 16, 2003. As a result, Abbott no longer is the beneficial owner of any shares of Common Stock.

ITEM 5. INTEREST IN SECURITIES OF THE ISSUER

Abbott disposed of all 7,938,244 of the Shares upon their acceptance for payment by Simbolo pursuant to the Tender Offer on January 16, 2003 for the Tender Offer price of \$6.00 per share, net to Abbott in cash.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: January 20, 2003

ABBOTT LABORATORIES

By: /s/ THOMAS C. FREYMAN

Name: Thomas C. Freyman
Title: Senior Vice President, Finance and
Chief Financial Officer

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