

TRIANGLE PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
Form SC 14D9/A  
December 26, 2002

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549  
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AMENDMENT NO. 3  
TO  
SCHEDULE 14D-9  
(RULE 14D-101)

SOLICITATION/RECOMMENDATION STATEMENT  
UNDER SECTION 14(D)(4) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

TRIANGLE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.  
(NAME OF SUBJECT COMPANY)

TRIANGLE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.  
(NAME OF PERSON(S) FILING STATEMENT)

COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$0.001 PER SHARE  
(Title of Class of Securities)

89589H 10 4 (COMMON STOCK)  
(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)

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This Amendment No. 3 to Schedule 14D-9 amends and supplements the Solicitation/Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 originally filed by Triangle Pharmaceuticals, Inc. ("Triangle") on December 16, 2002, as amended on December 17, 2002 and December 20, 2002, relating to the tender offer by Simbolo Acquisition Sub, Inc., a Delaware corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Gilead Sciences, Inc., a Delaware corporation, disclosed in a Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO, dated December 16, 2002 (as amended or supplemented from time to time, the "Schedule TO"), to purchase all of the outstanding shares of Triangle Common Stock at a purchase price of \$6.00 per share, net to the seller in cash (without interest), upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Offer to Purchase, dated December 16, 2002, and in the related Letter of Transmittal. The Schedule TO was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 16, 2002. Except as otherwise indicated, the information set forth in the original Schedule 14D-9 remains unchanged.

ITEM 9. EXHIBITS.

Item 9 is hereby amended and supplemented by adding the following exhibit:

EXHIBIT NO.	DESCRIPTION
(a) (5) (D)	Press Release jointly issued by Triangle Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and Gilead Sciences, Inc. on December 26, 2002

SIGNATURE

After due 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.

TRIANGLE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: /s/ R. ANDREW FINKLE

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R. Andrew Finkle  
Executive Vice President and  
General Counsel

Dated: December 26, 2002