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| Form 3  | Holdings Repo   | rted.                                  |   |  |   | OW                     | /NE          | K5H   | P                         |   |         |   |   | hou   | ırs per ı                                  | response:   | 1.0                                     |
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| Form 4  | Transactions R  | eported.                               | File  | ed pursuant to<br>or Sectior   |   |                        |              |   | rities Excha<br>ompany Ad |   |         |   |   |   |  |   |   |
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>CAPETOLA ROBERT J</u>     |   |  |   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DISCOVERY LABORATORIES INC /DE/ [ DSCO ] |   |                        |              |   |                           | 5. Relationship of R<br>(Check all applicab<br>X Director   |         |   | Ü   | 10%   | Owner                                      |   |   |
|   |   | st) (<br>PRATORIES IN<br>STREET, SUITI |   |  | 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2003 |                        |              |   |                           |   | /Year)  |   | X Officer (give title below)  President and |   |  |   | r (specify<br>v)                        |
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| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) |   |  | 2A. Deemed 3<br>Execution Date, 1<br>if any 0               |  | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8)                                 |                        |              |   |                           |   |         | nt of<br>es<br>ally                         | 6.<br>Ownership<br>Form: Direct             |   | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |   |   |
|   |   |  |   | (MOIIII/Day/Teal)  |   | 3)                     |              | Amount  |                           | (A) or<br>(D)   | Price   | Issuer's Fiscal<br>Year (Instr. 3 and<br>4) |   | Fiscal  | Indirect (I)                               |   | (Instr. 4)                              |
| Common  | ommon Stock 09/12/2003  |  |   | G  |   |                        | 125,000      |   | D                         | \$8.079   | 9       | 715,833                                     |   | D   |  |   |   |
| Common  | Stock   |  | 12/29/2003  |  |   | G                      |              | 13  | 13,700 D \$10.2           |   | \$10.2  | .25 702,133 D                               |   |   |  |   |   |
|   |   | Та                                     | ble II - Derivat<br>(e.g., p                                | tive Secur<br>uts, calls,  |   |                        |              |   |                           |   |         |   | ned   |   |  |   |   |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                   | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security |  | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8)  | of<br>Deri<br>Secu<br>Acq<br>(A) o<br>Disp<br>of (E                     | osed<br>D)<br>tr. 3, 4 | Expi         | ate Exercisable and<br>ration Date<br>nth/Day/Year) |                           | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr.<br>and 4) |         | Deriva<br>Securi<br>(Instr.                 | Price of erivative ecurity nstr. 5)         | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficial<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 4) | e<br>s<br>Illy                             | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4 | Beneficial<br>Ownershi<br>ct (Instr. 4) |
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**Explanation of Responses:** 

Robert J. Capetola

01/26/2004

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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