

NORTHFIELD LABORATORIES INC /DE/

Form S-8

February 20, 2009

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As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 20, 2009

Registration No. 333-

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

**FORM S-8
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

NORTHFIELD LABORATORIES INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation or organization)

36-3378733

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

**1560 Sherman Avenue
Suite 1000**

Evanston, Illinois 60201-4800

(Address of registrant's principal executive offices)

**NORTHFIELD LABORATORIES INC.
2003 EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN**

(Full title of the Plan)

JACK J. KOGUT

**Senior Vice President Administration
Northfield Laboratories Inc.**

**1560 Sherman Avenue
Suite 1000**

Evanston, Illinois 60201-4800

(847) 864-3500

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number,
including area code, of agent for service)

Copies to:

**Craig A. Roeder, Esq.
Baker & McKenzie LLP
One Prudential Plaza
130 East Randolph Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60601
(312) 861-8000**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of securities to be registered | Title of Plan | Amount to be registered | Proposed maximum offering price pershare | Proposed maximum aggregate offering price | Amount of registration fee |
|---|--|--------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock of Northfield Laboratories Inc., par value \$.01 per share | Northfield Laboratories Inc. 2003 Equity | | | | |
| | Compensation Plan | 1,750,000 | \$0.94* | \$1,645,000* | \$64.65 |

* Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee in accordance with Rule 457 of the Securities Act of 1933, and is based upon the average of the high and low sale prices for the registrant's Common Stock reported on the Nasdaq Global Market on February 10, 2009.

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Explanatory Note

On October 30, 2003, Northfield Laboratories Inc. (the Registrant) filed a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-110110) (the 2003 Registration Statement) which registered 750,000 shares of the Registrant's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (Common Stock), reserved for issuance under the Northfield Laboratories Inc. 2003 Equity Compensation Plan (the Plan).

At the Registrant's 2005 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, the Registrant's stockholders approved and adopted an amendment to the Plan to increase by 1,500,000 the number of shares of Common Stock authorized under the Plan. On October 3, 2005, the Registrant filed a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-128787) (the 2005 Registration Statement) which registered an additional 1,500,000 shares of Common Stock reserved for issuance under the Plan.

At the Registrant's 2008 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, the Registrant's stockholders approved and adopted an amendment to the Plan to increase the number of Shares authorized under the Plan by an additional 1,750,000 Shares. By this Registration Statement, the Registrant hereby registers an additional 1,750,000 Shares under the Plan. The contents of the 2003 Registration Statement and 2005 Registration Statement and the are hereby incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Evanston, State of Illinois, on February 13, 2009.

NORTHFIELD LABORATORIES INC.

By: /s/ Steven A. Gould, M.D.
 Steven A. Gould, M.D.
 Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Company in the capacities indicated on February 13, 2009.

| Signature | Title |
|---------------------------|---|
| /s/ Steven A. Gould, M.D. | Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer |
| Steven A. Gould, M.D. | <i>(principal executive officer)</i> |
| /s/ Jack J. Kogut | Senior Vice President Administration |
| Jack J. Kogut | <i>(principal financial officer and principal accounting officer)</i> |
| /s/ John F. Bierbaum | Director |
| John F. Bierbaum | |
| /s/ Bruce S. Chelberg | Director |
| Bruce S. Chelberg | |
| /s/ Alan L. Heller | Director |
| Alan L. Heller | |
| /s/ Paul M. Ness, M.D. | Director |
| Paul M. Ness, M.D. | |
| /s/ David A. Savner | Director |
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| /s/ Edward C. Wood, Jr. | Director |

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