

AVANT IMMUNOTHERAPEUTICS INC

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response... 0.5**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting
Person *

MEDAREX INC

(Last) (First) (Middle)

707 STATE ROAD

(Street)

PRINCETON, NJ 08540

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

03/07/2008

3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

AVANT IMMUNOTHERAPEUTICS INC [AVAN]

4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____X____ 10% Owner
____ Officer ____ Other
(give title below) (specify below)5. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group

Filing(Check Applicable Line)

____X____ Form filed by One Reporting
Person____ Form filed by More than One
Reporting Person**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Common Stock

5,312,539 ⁽¹⁾

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

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currently valid OMB control number.****Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**1. Title of Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)2. Date Exercisable and
Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)Date
ExercisableExpiration
Date3. Title and Amount of
Securities Underlying
Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)Title
Amount or
Number of4. Conversion
or Exercise
Price of
Derivative
Security5. Ownership
Form of
Derivative
Security:
Direct (D)
or Indirect6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Shares

(I)
(Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MEDAREX INC 707 STATE ROAD PRINCETON, NJ 08540	Â	Â X	Â	Â

Signatures

/s/Christian Scade, CFO on behalf of
Medarex, Inc.

03/14/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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The Board of Directors of AVANT Immunotherapeutics, Inc., approved a 1-for 12 reverse stock split of AVANT's common stock, which became effective as of March 7, 2008. As a result of the reverse stock split, each twelve shares of AVANT common stock were combined (1) and reclassified into one share of AVANT common stock. The number of shares reported on this form is reflected on a post-split basis. The common stock will trade under the symbol "AVAND" for 20 trading days beginning on March 10, 2008 to designate that it is trading on a post-reverse split basis, and will remain trading under the symbol "AVAN" after the 20-day period has expired.

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