

PHILLIPS RICHARD BENTON
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 PHILLIPS RICHARD BENTON

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 PUMA BIOTECHNOLOGY, INC.
 [PBYI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/17/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

SEE REMARKS

C/O PUMA BIOTECHNOLOGY, INC., 10880 WILSHIRE BLVD., SUITE 2150

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Form filed by One Reporting Person
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LOS ANGELES, CA 90024

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.34	12/17/2012		A	31,500	<u>(1)</u> 12/17/2022	Common Stock	31,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
PHILLIPS RICHARD BENTON C/O PUMA BIOTECHNOLOGY, INC. 10880 WILSHIRE BLVD., SUITE 2150 LOS ANGELES, CA 90024			SEE REMARKS	

Signatures

/s/ Richard B. Phillips 12/18/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) The vesting commencement date ("Vesting Commencement Date") of the option is December 17, 2012. The option vests (i) with respect to one-third (1/3rd) of the shares underlying the option on the first anniversary of the Vesting Commencement Date and (ii) with respect to 1/36th of the shares of the underlying option, on each monthly anniversary of the Vesting Commencement Date thereafter, subject to the Reporting Person's continued service with the Issuer.

Remarks:

Title of Reporting Person: Senior Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, Quality Assurance and Pharmacovigilance

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