

Medeiros Paul
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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 *
Medeiros Paul

(Last) (First) (Middle)
4575 SW RESEARCH WAY, SUITE 200
(Street)

CORVALLIS, OR 97333

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AVI BIOPHARMA INC [AVII]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/19/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
SVP/Business Development

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 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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial 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)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Incentive Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.1	05/19/2009	A	272,727					05/19/2010 ⁽¹⁾	05/19/2019 ⁽¹⁾	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.1	05/19/2009	A	127,273					05/19/2010 ⁽¹⁾	05/19/2019 ⁽¹⁾	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Medeiros Paul 4575 SW RESEARCH WAY SUITE 200 CORVALLIS, OR 97333			SVP/Business Development	

Signatures

Paul Medeiros 05/20/2009
 **Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

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 Stock Option Grant vest as follows: 1/3 vest one year from date of grant and 1/3 each year thereafter until all shares vest three years from grant date.

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