

Hurvitz Eli  
 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 \*  
 Hurvitz Eli

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Protalix BioTherapeutics, Inc. [PLX]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

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

C/O PROTALIX  
 BIOTHERAPEUTICS, INC., 2  
 SNUNIT STREET SCIENCE  
 PARK, POB 455

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(Street)

CARMIEL, L3 20100

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	11/12/2009		S <sup>(1)</sup>		1,121,967	D	\$ 10	1,764,480	I	by Partnership
Common Stock	11/12/2009		S <sup>(1)</sup>		250,000	D	\$ 10.76	1,514,480	I	by Partnership
Common Stock	11/12/2009		M <sup>(2)</sup>		3,384,502	A	\$ 0.001	4,898,982	I	by Partnership
Common Stock	11/12/2009		F <sup>(3)</sup>		299	D	\$ 11.33	4,898,683	I	by Partnership
	11/12/2009		J <sup>(4)</sup>		4,443,443	D	\$ 5	455,240	(6)	D

Common  
Stock

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 (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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 0.001	11/12/2009		M	3,384,502	<u>(7)</u>	03/16/2010	Common Stock	3,384,502

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hurvitz Eli C/O PROTALIX BIOTHERAPEUTICS, INC. 2 SNUNIT STREET SCIENCE PARK, POB 455 CARMIEL, L3 20100	X			

## Signatures

/s/ Yossi Maimon, POA 11/13/2009

\*\*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) Represents the sale by Pontifax (Cayman) L.P. and Pontifax (Israel) L.P. to cover the estimated applicable withholding tax for the transfer, described in this Form 4, of the common stock of Protalix BioTherapeutics, Inc. (the "Company") to their respective partners.
- (2) Represents shares of common stock issued by the Company to Pontifax (Cayman) L.P. and Pontifax (Israel) L.P. upon the cashless exercise of options to purchase a total of 3,384,502 shares of common stock. Mr. Hurvitz disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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- (3) Represents shares of common stock withheld by the Company in connection with the exercise of the options by Pontifax (Cayman) L.P. and Pontifax (Israel) L.P.
- (4) After exercising the options described in this Form 4, Pontifax (Cayman) L.P. and Pontifax (Israel) L.P. distributed all of their interests in the Company to their respective partners on a pro rata basis based on the percentage interest of each partner in the applicable partnership.
- (5) The shares were transferred to the partners of each of Pontifax (Cayman) L.P. and Pontifax (Israel) L.P. on a pro rata basis based upon their percentage interests in the transferring partnership. No consideration was paid in connection with the transfer.
- (6) Represents shares issued to the reporting person, Mr. Eli Hurvitz, a limited and general partner of Pontifax (Israel) L.P. and Pontifax (Cayman) L.P., in connection with the transfer. Such shares were retained by Mr. Hurvitz.
- (7) All of the options vested prior to the date of the transaction.
- (8) Represents all of the options issued to Pontifax (Cayman) L.P. and Pontifax (Israel) L.P. on December 31, 2006.

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