

ABEL DOUGLAS  
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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 \*  
ABEL DOUGLAS

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O MANHATTAN  
PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 48  
WALL STREET, SUITE 1110

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10005

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
MANHATTAN  
PHARMACEUTICALS INC  
[MHAN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/03/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

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**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) Price			
Common Stock					55,000	D	

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 or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 0.17					(1)	03/25/2018	Common Stock	1,300,000
Warrant	\$ 0.2					(2)	09/10/2013	Common Stock	24,000
Stock Options	\$ 0.07	03/03/2010		A(3)	50,000	(4)	03/02/2020	Common Stock	50,000

## Reporting Owners

### Reporting Owner Name / Address

### Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ABEL DOUGLAS  
C/O MANHATTAN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.  
48 WALL STREET, SUITE 1110  
NEW YORK, NY 10005

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## Signatures

/s/ Douglas Abel

03/10/2010

\*\*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 option vested as to 433,333 shares on March 25, 2008 and as to an additional 433,334 shares on March 25, 2009. The remaining 433,334 shares are scheduled to vest on March 25, 2010.
- (2) The warrants are exercisable immediately.
- (3) On March 3, 2010, the reporting person was granted an option to purchase 50,000 shares of common stock of Manhattan Pharmaceuticals, Inc. under the 2003 Stock Option Plan.
- (4) The option is scheduled to vest (i) as to 16,667 shares on each of March 3, 2011 and March 3, 2012, and (ii) as to the remaining 16,666 shares on March 3, 2013.

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