

Price Ben Gil
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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 *
Price Ben Gil

(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
 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	05/19/2009		A	5,000 (1) A \$ 0	86,982	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)

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.1	05/19/2009		A	20,000	06/19/2009 ⁽²⁾		05/19/2019		Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.55					06/20/2008 ⁽²⁾		05/20/2018		Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.83					10/29/2007 ⁽⁴⁾		10/29/2017		Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Price Ben Gil 4575 SW RESEARCH WAY, SUITE 200 CORVALLIS, OR 97333	X			

Signatures

Ben Gil Price,
MD

05/21/2009

**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) Restricted Stock Award granted 5/19/2009 to active non-employee Director. Award vests one year from date of grant and will be released provided the Director still is an active member of the Board.
- (2) Option Grant vests monthly until all shares are vested one year from date of grant.
- (3) Price not required on initial report of stock option granted.
- (4) Vesting: 25% of the shares vest each year from the date of grant with all shares vesting in four years.

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