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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **NOVARTIS PHARMA AG** Issuer Symbol **IDENIX PHARMACEUTICALS** (Check all applicable) INC [IDIX] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director X 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) LICHSTRASSE 35, CH 4002 08/05/2014 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person _X_ Form filed by More than One Reporting BASEL, V8 Person

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transacti	4. Securities A oner Disposed of		d (A)	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)	` ,	any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and	` ′		Beneficially	Form:	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Direct (D)	Ownership
							Following	or Indirect	(Instr. 4)
					(4)		Reported	(I)	
					(A)		Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	08/05/2014		U	33,320,674	D	\$ 24.5	0	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. Transac Code (Instr. 8	5. tionNumber of) Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	S	ate	Secur	unt of rlying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code '	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
r g	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
NOVARTIS PHARMA AG LICHSTRASSE 35 CH 4002 BASEL, V8		X				
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Signatures

/s/ Marc Ceulemans, Head Strategic Venture Capital Fund and Pharma Equities, on behalf of Novartis Pharma AG	08/12/2014
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Rebecca Weston, Senior Legal Counsel, on behalf of Novartis Pharma AG	08/12/2014
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Christian Rehm, Authorized Signatory, on behalf of Novartis AG	08/12/2014
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Laurent Sigismondi, Authorized Signatory, on behalf of Novartis AG	08/12/2014
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

Reporting Owners 2

^{*} If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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