

AVI BIOPHARMA INC  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**WELLER DWIGHT D**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**ONE SW COLUMBIA, SUITE 1105**

(Street)

**PORTLAND, OR 97258**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**06/12/2008**

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)

**Sr. VP Chemistry & Mfg.**

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  | 285,822   | D  |   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D) Price  | 24,936  | I  | by Spouse<br><u>(1)</u>                               |

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable Expiration Date                         | Title   |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)      | \$ 1.15  | 06/12/2008                           |  | A                              | 23,000  | 06/12/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> 06/12/2018                     | Common Stock                                      |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)      | \$ 1.39  |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/28/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/28/2018                     | Common Stock                                      |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)      | \$ 2.53  |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/22/2006 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/22/2015                     | Common Stock                                      |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)      | \$ 3   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/06/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/06/2017                     | Common Stock                                      |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)      | \$ 5.35  |                                      |  |                                |   | 12/05/2003 <sup>(2)</sup> 12/05/2012                     | Common Stock                                      |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)      | \$ 5.75  |                                      |  |                                |   | 01/03/2001 <sup>(2)</sup> 01/03/2010                     | Common Stock                                      |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)      | \$ 7.35  |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/16/2007 <sup>(2)</sup> 02/16/2016                     | Common Stock                                      |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)      | \$ 1.39  |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/28/2008 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/28/2013                     | Common Stock                                      |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)      | \$ 2.53  |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/22/2005 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/22/2010                     | Common Stock                                      |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)      | \$ 3   |                                      |  |                                |   | 02/06/2007 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/06/2017                     | Common Stock                                      |
| Incentive Stock Option                     | \$ 3.81  |                                      |  |                                |   | 08/24/1999 <sup>(4)</sup> 08/24/2008                     | Common Stock                                      |

|   |         |  |                           |            |                 |
|---|---------|--|---------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| (right to buy)                                  |         |  |                           |            |                 |
| Incentive<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy)     | \$ 4.34 |  | 01/22/2004 <sup>(3)</sup> | 01/22/2009 | Common<br>Stock |
| Incentive<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy)     | \$ 7.35 |  | 02/16/2006 <sup>(2)</sup> | 02/16/2011 | Common<br>Stock |
| Non-Qualified<br>Stock Option<br>(right to buy) | \$ 1.39 |  | 02/28/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> | 02/28/2018 | Common<br>Stock |
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                       | Relationships |           |                               |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                       | Other |
| WELLER DWIGHT D<br>ONE SW COLUMBIA, SUITE 1105<br>PORTLAND, OR 97258 |               |           | Sr. VP<br>Chemistry &<br>Mfg. |       |

## Signatures

By: Mark M. Webber, Attorney-in-fact For: Dwight Weller 06/16/2008

\_\_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) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned include shares purchased under the Company's registered Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) 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.
- (3) Grant vest 100% on grant date.
- (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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