

Hudson Leslie
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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 *
 Hudson Leslie

(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)
 02/08/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/08/2008		A		333,000	A	\$ 0
Common Stock	02/10/2009		A		124,324 (1)	A	\$ 0

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)	\$ 1.09	02/08/2008		A	366,972	02/08/2009 ⁽²⁾ 02/08/2018	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.92	02/10/2009		A	350,000	02/10/2010 ⁽⁴⁾ 02/10/2019	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.09	02/08/2008		A	300,028	02/08/2009 ⁽⁴⁾ 02/08/2018	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hudson Leslie ONE SW COLUMBIA, SUITE 1105 PORTLAND, OR 97258				CEO

Signatures

Dr. Leslie
Hudson

02/12/2009

**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 on 2/10/2009 vests 100% at grant.

(2) Option Grant vests 25% per year on grant date with all shares vesting four years from date of grant.

(3) Price not required on initial report of stock option granted.

(4) 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.

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