#### AVI BIOPHARMA INC

Form 4

February 12, 2009

### FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * IVERSEN PATRICK L			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last) (	First) (	Middle)	AVI BIOPHARMA INC [AVII] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
ONE SW COLU	MBIA, SUI	TE 1105	(Month/Day/Year) 02/10/2009	Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Sr VP of Research & Devlopment		
(3	Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
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(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	ecuriti	ies Acq	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		of	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(mou. 1)	(msu. 1)
Common Stock	02/10/2009		A	31,545	A	\$0	86,303 (1)	D	
Common Stock							3,000	I	by Spouse
Common Stock							6,000	I	by Trust

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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 or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisal Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		7. Title and A Underlying Se (Instr. 3 and 4
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.92	02/10/2009		A	66,667	02/10/2010(2)	02/10/2019	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.92	02/10/2009		A	33,333	02/10/2010(2)	02/10/2019	Common Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.39					02/28/2009(2)	02/28/2018	Common Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.53					02/22/2006(2)	02/22/2015	Common Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3					02/06/2009(2)	02/06/2017	Common Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.35					12/05/2004(2)	12/05/2012	Common Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.75					01/03/2001(2)	01/03/2010	Common Stock
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.35					02/16/2007(2)	02/16/2016	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.39					02/28/2009(2)	02/28/2018	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3					02/06/2008(2)	02/06/2017	Common Stock

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Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.35	12/05/2003(2)	12/05/2012	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.75	01/03/2001(2)	01/03/2010	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.35	02/16/2007(2)	02/16/2016	Common Stock

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
IVERSEN PATRICK L			Sr VP of				
ONE SW COLUMBIA, SUITE 1105			Research &				
PORTLAND, OR 97258			Devlopment				

# **Signatures**

Patrick L.
Iversen

\*\*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) 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) Price not required on initial report of stock option granted.

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