FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person AVI BIOPHARMA INC [AVII] Price Ben Gil Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) below) below) (Last) (First) (Middle) 04/06/2011 3450 MONTE VILLA PARKWAY, SUITE 101 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) (Street) Form filed by One Reporting Person 98021 **BOTHELL** WA Form filed by More than One Reporting (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction 2A. Deemed 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature Transaction Execution Date. Securities Form: Direct of Indirect (Month/Day/Year) Code (Instr. 8) Beneficially Owned Following if any (D) or Indirect Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) or (D) Transaction(s) Code Amount Price (Instr. 3 and 4) 04/06/2011 Common Stock 20,000 \$1.5 162,982 D 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. Transa Code (8)				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:

By: Melinda Miles For: Ben Gil Price

04/06/2011

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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