FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* Goolsbee William Alden					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AVI BIOPHARMA INC [AVII]							telationship (eck all applic X Directo	cable) or	g Pers	on(s) to Issu 10% Ow		
(Last) ONE SW	(Fi	,	(Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/29/2007							Officer below)	(give title		Other (s _i below)	pecify	
SUITE 1105					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street) PORTLAND OR 97			97258									X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(Si	tate)	(Zip)														
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																	
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								Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transact (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)			(Instr. 4)	
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/Yea	Code (Insti				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						
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$2.83	10/29/2007		A		33,000		(1)	10/29/2017	Common Stock	33,000	\$0	33,000)	D		

Explanation of Responses:

1. The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on October 29, 2008.

/s/ Mark M. Webber, Attorney-

in-Fact for William Alden

04/11/2008

Goolsbee

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- * 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).

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