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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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Goolsbee William Alden</u>						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AVI BIOPHARMA INC [ AVII ]									k all applic	able)	ting Person(s) to Issuer  10% Owner		
(Last) 3450 MC	ast) (First) (Middle) 450 MONTE VILLA PARKWAY, SUITE 101					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/21/2011									below)	(give title		Other (s below)	
(Street) BOTHELL WA 98021 (City) (State) (Zip)				_   4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
		Tab	le I - Nor	ı-Deriv	vativ	e Se	curities	s Ac	quired,	Disp	osed o	f, or Be	enefic	ially	Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)						ear)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		Code (I	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)			5. Amou Securitie Beneficia Owned F Reported	s ally ollowing	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
									Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	or Pr	ice	Transact (Instr. 3	on(s)			(111501.4)
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup> 06/21/						2011			A	A		5,000 A		\$ <mark>0</mark>	20,	20,000		D	
		-	Table II - I						uired, D , option						Owned				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution I if any (Month/Day	Date,	Code (		of		6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year			and 7. Title and of Securities Underlying Derivative S (Instr. 3 and			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	e S Illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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Stock Option (right to buy)	\$1.41	06/21/2011			A		30,000		(2)	0	6/21/2021	Commor Stock	30,0	000	\$0	30,000	0	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Grant of restricted stock which vests on the earlier of (a) the anniversary date of the grant and (b) the date of the 2012 annual meeting of shareholders.
- 2. This option will vest on the earlier of (a) the anniversary date of the grant and (b) the date of the 2012 annual meeting of shareholders.

By: Melinda Miles For: 06/22/2011 William Alden 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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