

IDERA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

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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 *
ZEIN YOUSSEF EL

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O IDERA
PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 167
SIDNEY STREET

(Street)

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
IDERA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. [IDRA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/04/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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	(D)	Price			
Common Stock	04/04/2008		J ⁽¹⁾		283,397	D	\$ 0	705,315	I	By Optima Life Sciences Limited
Common Stock	04/04/2008		J ⁽¹⁾		24,066	A	\$ 0	41,894	I	Pillar Investment Limited
Common Stock								282,918	D	

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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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Beneficially (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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Signatures

Youssef El Zein 04/14/2008

__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) A portion of the shares of the Issuer held by Optima Life Sciences Ltd. ("Optima") and Pillar Investments Ltd. ("Pillar") may be deemed to be beneficially owned by the Reporting Person because of his economic interest in Pillar and Pillar's economic interest in Optima. The reported transaction involves the distribution of shares of the Issuer by Optima to (i) a certain shareholder of Optima pursuant to a redemption request of such shareholder which entitled him, automatically and without any discretion on the part of Pillar or Optima, to a distribution of shares of the Issuer in satisfaction of the redemption request and (ii) Pillar in connection with Pillar's carried interest in such shares in accordance with the governing documents of Optima.

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