

Wigzell Hans Lennart Rudolf
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Wigzell Hans Lennart Rudolf

(Last) (First) (Middle)

KAROLINSKA
 INSTITUTET, NOBELSV. 16.

(Street)

STOICKHOLM, 2M 17177

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 AVI BIOPHARMA INC [AVII]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 06/08/2010

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)
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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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Amount | | |
| | | | | Code | V | | |
| | | | | | Amount | | |
| | | | | (D) | Price | | |

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 | 2. Conversion or Exercise | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Transaction Code | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
|---|------------------------------|------------------|------------|---|------|---|-----|-----|---------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 1.3 | 06/08/2010 | A | 60,000 | | | | | 06/08/2011 ⁽¹⁾ | 06/08/2020 | Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 1.23 | | | | | | | | 07/23/2009 ⁽²⁾ | 07/23/2018 | Common Stock |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 1.49 | | | | | | | | 02/08/2011 ⁽³⁾ | 02/08/2020 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Wigzell Hans Lennart Rudolf KAROLINSKA INSTITUTET NOBELSV. 16. STOICKHOLM, 2M 17177 | X | | | |

Signatures

By: Melinda Miles For: Hans Wigzell
Date: 06/09/2010

__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).
 These options vest ratably over four years of continued service to the Board of Directors, with 1/4 of the total amount of shares vesting
 - (1) each year on the earlier of (i) the anniversary date of the grant or (ii) the date of the Annual Meeting in the year following the date of grant.
 - (2) This option fully vests one year from grant date.
 - (3) 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.

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