

WELLER DWIGHT D  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
WELLER DWIGHT D

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
4575 SW RESEARCH WAY,  
SUITE 200  
(Street)

CORVALLIS, OR 97333

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/03/2010

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)  
Sr. VP Chemistry & Mfg.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock					314,741	D	
Common Stock					24,936	I	by Spouse <u>(1)</u>

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 Underlying Instrument (Instr. 3)	
					V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		Expiration Date
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.45	02/09/2010		A		110,575		02/09/2011 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/09/2020	Cor S
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.75	01/03/2010		J		52,173		01/03/2001	01/03/2010 <sup>(4)</sup>	Cor S
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.49	02/08/2010		A		14,000		02/08/2011 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/08/2020	Cor S
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.45	02/09/2010		A		9,425		02/09/2011 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/09/2020	Cor S
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.75	01/03/2010		J		31,827		01/03/2001	01/03/2010 <sup>(4)</sup>	Cor S
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.92							02/10/2010 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/10/2019	Cor S
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.39							02/28/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/28/2018	Cor S
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.53							02/22/2006 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/22/2015	Cor S
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3							02/06/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/06/2017	Cor S
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.35							12/05/2003 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/05/2012	Cor S
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.35							02/16/2007 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/16/2016	Cor S
Incentive Stock Option	\$ 0.92							02/10/2010 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/10/2019	Cor S

(right to buy)					
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.15		06/12/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>	06/12/2018	Cor S
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.39		02/28/2008 <sup>(5)</sup>	02/28/2013	Cor S
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.53		02/22/2005 <sup>(5)</sup>	02/22/2010	Cor S
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3		02/06/2007 <sup>(5)</sup>	02/06/2017	Cor S
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.35		02/16/2006 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/16/2011	Cor S
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.92		02/10/2010 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/10/2019	Cor S
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.39		02/28/2009 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/28/2018	Cor S
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3		02/06/2008 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/06/2017	Cor S
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 5.35		12/05/2003 <sup>(2)</sup>	12/05/2012	Cor S
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.35		02/16/2007 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/16/2016	Cor S

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WELLER DWIGHT D 4575 SW RESEARCH WAY, SUITE 200 CORVALLIS, OR 97333			Sr. VP Chemistry & Mfg.	

## Signatures

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\*\*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) Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned include shares purchased under the Company's registered Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) 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.
- (3) Price not required on initial report of stock option granted.
- (4) All shares expired.
- (5) Grant vest 100% on grant date.

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