

Price Ben Gil  
Form 4  
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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 \*  
Price Ben Gil

(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)  
05/19/2009

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	05/19/2009		A	(A) or (D) 5,000 (1)	\$ 0 86,982	D	

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)**

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.1	05/19/2009		A	20,000	06/19/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> 05/19/2019	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 1.55					06/20/2008 <sup>(2)</sup> 05/20/2018	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.83					10/29/2007 <sup>(4)</sup> 10/29/2017	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Price Ben Gil 4575 SW RESEARCH WAY, SUITE 200 CORVALLIS, OR 97333	X			

## Signatures

Ben Gil Price,  
MD 05/21/2009

\*\*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) Restricted Stock Award granted 5/19/2009 to active non-employee Director. Award vests one year from date of grant and will be released provided the Director still is an active member of the Board.
- (2) Option Grant vests monthly until all shares are vested one year from date of grant.
- (3) Price not required on initial report of stock option granted.
- (4) Vesting: 25% of the shares vest each year from the date of grant with all shares vesting in four years.

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