

AVI BIOPHARMA INC
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
HENNEY CHRISTOPHER S		(Month/Day/Year)	AVI BIOPHARMA INC [AVII]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	03/31/2009	
4575 SW RESEARCH WAY, SUITE 200			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)			(Check all applicable)	
CORVALLIS, OR 97333			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
			<input type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
			(give title below)	(specify below)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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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 Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HENNEY CHRISTOPHER S 4575 SW RESEARCH WAY, SUITE 200 CORVALLIS, OR 97333	X			

Signatures

Christopher
Henney, D.Sc. 04/02/2009

__Signature of Reporting Date
Person

Explanation of Responses:

No securities are beneficially owned

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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