

AVI BIOPHARMA INC

Form 4

February 12, 2008

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Hudson Leslie

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ONE SW COLUMBIA, SUITE 1105

(Street)

PORTLAND, OR 97258

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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

02/08/2008

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)

Chief Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock <sup>(1)</sup>        | 02/08/2008                              |                                                             | A                                    | 333,000                                                                 | A \$ 0 333,000                                                                                                     | 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and<br>5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |     | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                    |                 |                                  |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V                                                                                                         | (A)                                                            | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable                                                 | Expiration<br>Date | Title           | Amount or<br>Number of<br>Shares |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)                | \$ 1.09                                                               | 02/08/2008                              |                                                             | A                                       |                                                                                                           | 667,000                                                        |     | <u>(2)</u>                                                          | 02/08/2018         | Common<br>Stock | 667,000                          |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                       | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|                                                                      | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| Hudson Leslie<br>ONE SW COLUMBIA<br>SUITE 1105<br>PORTLAND, OR 97258 | X             |           | Chief Executive Officer |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Mark M. Webber, Attorney-in-Fact for Leslie Hudson

02/11/2008

**\*\*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) 233,000 shares of common stock are subject to forfeiture, and vest in equal annual amounts beginning on February 8, 2008.

(2) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on February 8, 2008.

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