## Edgar Filing: Liotta Dennis - Form 4

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| December :   | 22, 2009   |                             |   |                |   |  |  |                                     |   |  |
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| FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549   |  |                             |   |                |   |  | N OMB<br>Number:   | 3235-0287                           |   |  |
| if no lo<br>subject<br>Sectior<br>Form 4<br>Form 5<br>obligat<br>may co  | to<br>16.<br>or<br>Filed put<br>ions Section 17( | rsuant to S<br>(a) of the I | F CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF<br>SECURITIES<br>Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,<br>Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section<br>of the Investment Company Act of 1940 |                |   |  |  | Estimated<br>burden hoi<br>response | Estimated average<br>burden hours per<br>response 0.5 |  |
| (Print or Type   | e Responses)                                     |                             |   |                |   |  |  |                                     |   |  |
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup><br>Liotta Dennis<br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br>C/O ACHILLION<br>PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 300<br>GEORGE STREET |  |                             | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading<br>Symbol<br>ACHILLION<br>PHARMACEUTICALS INC<br>[ACHN]   |                |   | 5. Relationship o<br>Issuer<br>(Cho<br>XDirector   |  |                                     |   |  |
|  |  |                             | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br>12/18/2009   |                |   |  |  |                                     | ner (specify  |  |
| (Street)<br>NEW HAVEN, CT 06511  |  |                             | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)  |                |   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check<br>Applicable Line)<br>_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person<br>Form filed by More than One Reporting<br>Person |  |                                     |   |  |
| (City)   | (State)  | (Zip)                       | Tat   | ole I - Non-I  | Derivativ                                     | e Securities A   | Acquired, Disposed   | of, or Beneficia                    | lly Owned   |  |
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)   | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)          | 2A. Deemed                  |   |                | 4. Secur<br>nAcquire<br>Dispose<br>(Instr. 3, | ities<br>d (A) or<br>d of (D)<br>4 and 5)<br>(A)<br>or   | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                     | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect                              |  |
| Reminder: R  | eport on a separate line                         | e for each cl:              | ass of sec  | eurities benet | Pers<br>infor<br>requ                         | ons who re<br>mation con<br>ired to resp   | or indirectly.<br>spond to the colle<br>tained in this form<br>ond unless the fo<br>ntly valid OMB co              | n are not<br>rm                     | SEC 1474<br>(9-02)                                    |  |

 Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
 (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

number.

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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) | n Date, if TransactionDerivative<br>Code Securities |         | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                     | 8<br>1<br>2<br>() |
|---|---|---|---|---|---------|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
|   |   |   |   | Code V  | (A) (D) | Date<br>Exercisable  | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |                   |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                | \$ 3.28   | 12/18/2009                              |   | А   | 20,000  | <u>(1)</u>   | 12/18/2019         | Common<br>Stock   | 20,000                              |                   |

## **Reporting Owners**

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  |            | Relationships |           |         |       |  |  |
|---|------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|
|   |            | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |  |  |
| Liotta Dennis<br>C/O ACHILLION PHARMACEUTICAL<br>300 GEORGE STREET<br>NEW HAVEN, CT 06511 | S, INC.    | Х             |           |         |       |  |  |
| Signatures  |            |               |           |         |       |  |  |
| /s/ Mary Kay Fenton,<br>attorney-in-fact  | 12/22/2009 | 9             |           |         |       |  |  |
| **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) The option grant vests as to 25% of the shares on the first anniversary of the date of grant and as to an additional 6.25% at the end of each three month period thereafter.

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