VAN NOSTRAND ROBERT L

Form 4

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response...

See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * VAN NOSTRAND ROBERT L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

ACHILLION

(Month/Day/Year)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

12/18/2009

PHARMACEUTICALS INC

[ACHN]

X_ Director

10% Owner

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Officer (give title

Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

C/O ACHILLION

PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 300

GEORGE STREET

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Street)

Form filed by More than One Reporting

NEW HAVEN, CT 06511

(State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(City)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Indirect Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Common Stock (Right to Buy) | \$ 3.28 | 12/18/2009 | | A | 20,000 | <u>(1)</u> | 12/18/2019 | Common Stock | 20,000 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

VAN NOSTRAND ROBERT L C/O ACHILLION PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 300 GEORGE STREET NEW HAVEN, CT 06511



Signatures

/s/ Mary Kay Fenton, Attorney-in-fact

12/22/2009 Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) This option 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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