Shah Gautam Form 4 January 11, 2012

FORM 4

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

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Shah Gautam

1(b).

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

ACHILLION

PHARMACEUTICALS INC

[ACHN]

(Last) (First)

C/O ACHILLION

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

01/10/2012

GEORGE STREET

PHARMACEUTICALS, 300

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

SVP and Chief Compliance Ofc.

10% Owner _ Other (specify

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Applicable Line)

Director

X_ Officer (give title _

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Issuer

below)

NEW HAVEN, CT 06511

(City)	(State)	(Zip) 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 n(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			(A) or Code V Amount (D) Price		Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	01/10/2012		M	5,000	A	\$ 1.05	8,125	D	
Common Stock	01/10/2012		S	5,000	D	\$ 10.06	3,125	D	
Common Stock	01/10/2012		M	4,000	A	\$ 4	7,125	D	
Common Stock	01/10/2012		S	4,000	D	\$ 12	3,125	D	

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Common Stock	01/10/2012	M	16,745	A	\$ 4.82	19,870	D
Common Stock	01/10/2012	S	16,745	D	\$ 12	3,125	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)

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 or 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 Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.05	01/10/2012		M	5,000	<u>(1)</u>	12/15/2018	Common Stock	5,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4	01/10/2012		M	4,000	(2)	12/20/2015	Common Stock	4,000
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.82	01/10/2012		M	16,745	(3)	12/14/2017	Common Stock	16,745

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Shah Gautam SVP and Chief Compliance Ofc. C/O ACHILLION PHARMACEUTICALS

2 Reporting Owners

300 GEORGE STREET NEW HAVEN, CT 06511

Signatures

/s/ Gautam Shah 01/11/2012

**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) This option was granted on December 15, 2008 and vests over a four year period with 25% of the shares vesting on the first anniversary of the date of grant and an additional 6.25% vesting at the end of each three-month period thereafter.
- (2) This option was granted on December 20, 2005 and vested over a four year period with 25% of the shares vesting on the first anniversary of the date of grant and an additional 6.25% vesting at the end of each three-month period thereafter.
- (3) This option was granted on December 14, 2007 and vested over a four year period with 25% of the shares vesting on the first anniversary of the date of grant and an additional 6.25% vesting at the end of each three-month period thereafter.

Remarks:

The transactions reported on this Form 4 were executed pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by Mr. Shah on Decer Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure. Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.

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