

Shah Gautam
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Shah Gautam

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ACHILLION
PHARMACEUTICALS, 300
GEORGE STREET

(Street)

NEW HAVEN, CT 06511

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ACHILLION
PHARMACEUTICALS INC
[ACHN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/16/2012

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)
SVP and Chief Compliance Ofc.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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 (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	03/16/2012		M	2,718 A	\$ 1.05 5,843	D	
Common Stock	03/16/2012		S	2,718 D	\$ 10.87 3,125	D	
Common Stock	03/19/2012		M	2,078 A	\$ 3.28 5,203	D	
Common Stock	03/19/2012		S	2,078 D	\$ 10.52 3,125	D	

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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 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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.05	03/16/2012		M	2,718	<u>(1)</u> 12/15/2018	Common Stock	2,718
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.28	03/19/2012		M	2,078	<u>(2)</u> 12/18/2019	Common Stock	2,078

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Shah Gautam
C/O ACHILLION PHARMACEUTICALS
300 GEORGE STREET
NEW HAVEN, CT 06511

SVP and Chief Compliance Ofc.

Signatures

/s/ Gautam Shah 03/19/2012

**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 18, 2009 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 Decem

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