FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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| | dress of Reportin | 2. Date of Eve Requiring State (Month/Day/Ye | tement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol IDERA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. [IDRA] | | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|--|--|--|--|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|--|---|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | | | 05/07/2013 | | Relationship of Reporting Per (Check all applicable) | | | son(s) to Issuer | | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |
| STARCO CT | EST OFFSHOR R D FLOOR OM | | | X | Director Officer (give title below) | X | 10% Owne Other (spec below) | • | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (Street) BEIRUT | M8 | 2020-3313 | | | | | | | | | reporting Fe | 513011 |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | | | | | | nt of Securities ally Owned (Instr. 4) | | | | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | 2,600,000 | | D | | | | |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | Title and Amount of Securit Underlying Derivative Securit | | | - | 4. Conversion or Exercise | | 5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
| | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | | | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | | or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |
| Warrants | | 05/07/2013 | 05/07/2018 | | Common Stock | | 2,600,000 | 0.4 | 47 | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

Youssef El Zein is a director and controlling stockholder of Pillar Invest Corporation, the general partner of Pillar Pharmaceuticals III, L.P. ("Pillar III"), and Mr. El Zein serves as a representative of Pillar III on the Issuer's board of directors. Pillar III may be deemed to be part of a "group" with Pillar Pharmaceuticals I, L.P. and Pillar Pharmaceuticals II, L.P., of which Pillar GP is the general partner of each, for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

> Pillar Pharmaceuticals III, L.P., 05/17/2013 /s/ Youssef El Zein, <u>Authorized Signatory</u>

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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