

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>AGRAWAL SUDHIR</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O IDERA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.</u> <u>167 SIDNEY STREET</u> (Street) <u>CAMBRIDGE MA 02139</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>IDERA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. [IDRA]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>CEO, President & CSO</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/17/2008</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/17/2008		S ⁽¹⁾		6,715	D	\$8.6353 ⁽²⁾	122,336	D	
Common Stock	12/17/2008		M		14,377	A	\$4	136,713	D	
Common Stock	12/18/2008		S ⁽¹⁾		13,418	D	\$8.5495 ⁽³⁾	123,295	D	
Common Stock	12/18/2008		M		28,069	A	\$4	151,364	D	
Common Stock	12/19/2008		S ⁽¹⁾		9,887	D	\$8.5084 ⁽⁴⁾	141,477	D	

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Stock Options	\$4	12/17/2008		M			14,377	04/01/2001	01/01/2009	Common Stock	14,377	\$0.00	28,069	D	
Stock Options	\$4	12/18/2008		M			28,069	04/01/2001	01/01/2009	Common Stock	28,069	\$0.00	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on May 21, 2008, and as subsequently amended. The proceeds of such sales are to be used to exercise expiring stock options and applicable taxes associated with the exercise of the options and the sale of the shares under the plan. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request by the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the issuer or a shareholder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- Represents the sale of 6,715 shares in 20 separate transactions, ranging from \$8.35 to \$8.71 per share, resulting in a weighted average sale price per share of \$8.6353.
- Represents the sale of 13,418 shares in 30 separate transactions, ranging from \$8.22 to \$8.70 per share, resulting in a weighted average sale price per share of \$8.5495.
- Represents the sale of 9,887 shares in 33 separate transactions, ranging from \$8.00 to \$8.77 per share, resulting in a weighted average sale price per share of \$8.5084.

Remarks:

Sudhir Agrawal 12/19/2008
 ** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

* 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).

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