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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

| Name and Address of Reporting Person* ZEIN YOUSSEF EL | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol IDERA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. [IDP] | | | | | | | | | | p of Reportin blicable) ctor er (give title | | Owner (specify | | |
|--|--|---|---|----------|---|--|----------------------------------|-------|---|---|----------------|-----------------|---|-------|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) | , | irst) (| Middle) | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 0/01/2006 | | | | | | | | | belov | ν.Ο | belo | | | |
| 345 VASSAR STREET | | | | | 4. If A | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | |
| (Street) CAMBR | RIDGE M | IA (| 02139 | | | | | | | | | | | | | X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (City) | (S | tate) (| Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transacti Date (Month/Day) | | | | | | Exe if a | Deeme cution ny onth/Da | Date, | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities Acqui Disposed Of (D) (Ir and 5) | | | | | | 5. Am Secur Benef Owned | ities icially d | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amou | nt (A) or (D) | | Price | Repor Trans | | (111041. 4) | (111541.4) | | |
| | 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. Deer Execution if any (Month/I | on Date, | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | n Number | | Expiration I | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Month/Day/Year) | | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 3. Price of Derivative Security Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | | oiration te | Title | Amo or Num of Shar | ber | | | | | | |
| Stock Options | \$4.1 | 10/01/2006 | | | A | | 1,250 | | 10/01/2007 | 10/ | 01/2016 | Common stock | 1,2: | 50 | \$0.00 | 1,250 | D | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

Youssef El Zein

10/01/2006

** 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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