

Whitley Richard James
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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 *
 Whitley Richard James

(Last) (First) (Middle)

UNIV OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM, 1600 7TH AVENUE SOUTH, 303 CHB

(Street)

BIRMINGHAM, AL 35233-1711

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 GILEAD SCIENCES INC [GILD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/10/2012

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)

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)	Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction of Derivative	5. Number	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 51.25	05/10/2012	A		8,161		<u>(1)</u>	05/10/2022	Common Stock	8,161
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	05/10/2012	A		2,926		<u>(3)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	2,926

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Whitley Richard James UNIV OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM 1600 7TH AVENUE SOUTH, 303 CHB BIRMINGHAM, AL 35233-1711	X			

Signatures

/s/ Brett A. Pletcher by Power of Attorney for Richard J. Whitley 05/14/2012

**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) Options vest quarterly over the first year of service and will be fully vested on May 10, 2013.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents the contingent right to receive one share of Gilead Sciences, Inc.'s common stock.
- (3) 100% of the restricted stock units will vest on May 10, 2013, at the end of the first year of service.

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