

IDERA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Form 4

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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
ZEIN YOUSSEF EL

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O IDERA  
PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 167  
SIDNEY STREET

(Street)

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
IDERA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. [IDRA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
04/04/2008

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)

Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |         |   |                                 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|---------|---|---------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (D)  | Price                             |         |   |                                 |
| Common Stock                    | 04/04/2008                           |  | J(1)                           |   | 283,397   | D  | \$ 0                              | 705,315 | I | By Optima Life Sciences Limited |
| Common Stock                    | 04/04/2008                           |  | J(1)                           |   | 24,066  | A  | \$ 0                              | 41,894  | I | Pillar Investment Limited       |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  |                                   | 282,918 | D |                                 |

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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 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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 6) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares                                       |

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

ZEIN YOUSSEF EL  
C/O IDERA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.  
167 SIDNEY STREET  
CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

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## Signatures

Youssef El Zein                      04/14/2008

\_\_Signature of                      Date  
Reporting Person

## 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) A portion of the shares of the Issuer held by Optima Life Sciences Ltd. ("Optima") and Pillar Investments Ltd. ("Pillar") may be deemed to be beneficially owned by the Reporting Person because of his economic interest in Pillar and Pillar's economic interest in Optima. The reported transaction involves the distribution of shares of the Issuer by Optima to (i) a certain shareholder of Optima pursuant to a redemption request of such shareholder which entitled him, automatically and without any discretion on the part of Pillar or Optima, to a distribution of shares of the Issuer in satisfaction of the redemption request and (ii) Pillar in connection with Pillar's carried interest in such shares in accordance with the governing documents of Optima.

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