

IDERA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Form 4

March 17, 2008

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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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)
03/14/2008

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	03/14/2008		M		54,065	A	\$ 5.36	71,893	I	By Pillar Investment Limited
Common Stock	03/14/2008		J ⁽¹⁾		54,065	D	\$ 0	17,828	I	By Pillar Investment Limited
Common Stock	03/14/2008		J ⁽¹⁾		54,065	A	\$ 0	282,918	D	
Common								919,510	I	ByOptima

Stock

Life
Sciences
Limited

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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock Warrants (right to buy)	\$ 5.36	03/14/2008		M		54,065		08/27/2004	08/27/2009	Common stock	54,065

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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Signatures

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__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) Shares are distributed to the reporting person from Pillar Investments Limited.

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