

Deshpande Milind
Form 4
December 20, 2010

FORM 4

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

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Deshpande Milind

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O ACHILLION
PHARMACEUTICALS, 300
GEORGE STREET

(Street)

NEW HAVEN, CT 06511

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
ACHILLION
PHARMACEUTICALS INC
[ACHN]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
12/16/2010

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

President of R&D and CSO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)

____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person

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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)
				(A) or (D)			
			Code	V	Amount		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)

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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 Number Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.1	12/16/2010		A	200,000	(1) 12/16/2020	Common Stock 200,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Deshpande Milind C/O ACHILLION PHARMACEUTICALS 300 GEORGE STREET NEW HAVEN, CT 06511	President of R&D and CSO

Signatures

/s/ Mary Kay Fenton, Attorney
in fact 12/20/2010

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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(1) This option vests as to 25% of the shares on the first anniversary of the date of grant and as to an additional 6.25% at the end of each three-month period thereafter.

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