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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Simon Nicholas

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

ACHILLION

PHARMACEUTICALS INC

[ACHN]

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

12/16/2010

X_ Director X__ 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

C/O CLARUS VENTURES, LLC, 101 MAIN STREET, SUITE

1210

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

Code

(Instr. 8)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

(Month/Day/Year)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or

(A)

or

Price

Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially

Owned

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Code V Amount (D)

Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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)		3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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 1 9 (
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.1	12/16/2010		A	50,000	<u>(1)</u>	12/16/2020	Common Stock	50,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Simon Nicholas						
C/O CLARUS VENTURES, LLC	X	X				
101 MAIN STREET, SUITE 1210	Λ	Λ				
CAMBRIDGE, MA 02142						

Signatures

/s/ Robert Liptak, as attorney-in-fact for Nicholas Simon

12/20/2010

**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) This option vests as to 25% of the shares on the date of the grant and as to an additional 2.08% at the end of each monthly period thereafter.

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