

NOVARTIS AG
Form 4
February 26, 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 *
NOVARTIS AG

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
IDENIX PHARMACEUTICALS
INC [IDIX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
LICHSTRASSE 35
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/26/2010

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

BASEL, V8 CH 4002

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
X Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

(City) (State) (Zip)

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) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common Stock | 02/26/2010 | | P | V Amount (A) or (D) Price 1,872 A \$ 2.41 | 31,322,836 | I | See footnote (1) |

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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reported Transaction (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 |
| NOVARTIS AG LICHSTRASSE 35 BASEL, V8 CH 4002 | | | | Indirect 10% Owner |
| NOVARTIS PHARMA AG LICHSTRASSE 35 BASEL, V8 CH 4002 | | X | | |

Signatures

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|--------------------------------------------|------------|
| Ramon Zapata-Gomez Head Finance Operations | 02/26/2010 |
| <u> **Signature of Reporting Person</u> | Date |
| Felix Eichhorn authorized signatory | 02/26/2010 |
| <u> **Signature of Reporting Person</u> | 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) These securities are owned directly by Novartis Pharma AG, a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of Novartis AG. Novartis AG is an indirect beneficial owner of these securities.

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