

IDENIX PHARMACEUTICALS INC
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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 *
 NOVARTIS PHARMA 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, CH 4002
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 08/05/2014

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

BASEL, V8
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 ___ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V	Amount		
Common Stock	08/05/2014			U	33,320,674	D	
					\$ 24.5		
					0		D

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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NOVARTIS PHARMA AG LICHSTRASSE 35 CH 4002 BASEL, V8		X		
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Signatures

/s/ Marc Ceulemans, Head Strategic Venture Capital Fund and Pharma Equities, on behalf of Novartis Pharma AG	08/12/2014
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Rebecca Weston, Senior Legal Counsel, on behalf of Novartis Pharma AG	08/12/2014
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Christian Rehm, Authorized Signatory, on behalf of Novartis AG	08/12/2014
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Laurent Sigismondi, Authorized Signatory, on behalf of Novartis AG	08/12/2014
__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).

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