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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Erwin Mark E.

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

10/20/2008

2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

ADVENTRX PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ANX]

4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

5. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6725 MESA RIDGE RD., STE.

100

(Street)

(Check all applicable)

Director _X__ Officer

10% Owner Other (give title below) (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting

Person

Form filed by More than One

Reporting Person

SAN DIEGO, CAÂ 92121

(City) (State)

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)

(Zip)

2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

(Instr. 4)

Senior VP, Operations

Ownership Form: Direct (D)

or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership

(Instr. 5)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)

4. Conversion or Exercise Price of

5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:

6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)

Date Expiration Exercisable Date

Title

Amount or Number of Shares

Derivative Security

Direct (D) or Indirect

(I)

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(Instr. 5)

Stock Option (Right to Buy) $\hat{A} \stackrel{(1)}{=} 03/30/2018 \stackrel{Common}{Stock} 150,000 \$ 0.54$ D \hat{A}

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Erwin Mark E.

6725 MESA RIDGE RD., STE. 100 Senior VP, Operations SAN DIEGO, CAÂ 92121

Signatures

/s/ Mark E. Erwin 10/22/2008

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) 1/5 of the total shares subject to the option vest and become exercisable on each of January 1, 2009, January 1, 2010, January 1, 2011, January 1, 2012 and January 1, 2013.

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