### IDERA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

**SECURITIES** 

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * AGRAWAL SUDHIR			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol IDERA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. [IDRA]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)			
(Last)  C/O IDERA PHARMACE SIDNEY STE		(Middle) INC., 167	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/22/2008	_X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) CEO, President & CSO			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)			

#### CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-I	<b>Derivative</b>	Secu	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	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	12/22/2008		S(1)	1,300	D	\$ 7.4054 (2)	140,177	D	
Common Stock	12/22/2008		S(1)	1,500	D	\$ 8.3833 (3)	138,677	D	
Common Stock	12/23/2008		S <u>(1)</u>	1,500	D	\$ 7.5687	137,177	D	

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Common Stock  $S_{\underline{(1)}}^{(1)}$  4,285 D 7.4814 132,892 D

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# Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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. Transac Code (Instr. 8	5. tionNumber of Securities Acquires (A) or Disposes of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day. ve es d	ate	7. Titl Amou Under Securi (Instr.	int of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				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

AGRAWAL SUDHIR C/O IDERA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 167 SIDNEY STREET CAMBRIDGE, MA 02139

X CEO, President & CSO

Signatures

Sudhir Agrawal 12/24/2008

\*\*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) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on May 21, 2008, and as subsequently amended. The proceeds of such sales are to be used to exercise expiring stock options and applicable taxes associated with the exercise of the options and the sale of the shares under the plan. There will be no additional transactions entered into pursuant to the reporting person's 10b5-1 trading plan after December 24, 2008 since the 10b5-1 trading plan has been completed. The reporting

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person hereby undertakes to provide upon request by the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the issuer or a shareholder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

- (2) Represents the sale of 1,300 shares in 13 separate transactions, ranging from \$7.18 to \$7.64 per share, resulting in a weighted average sale price per share of \$7.4054.
- (3) Represents the sale of 1,500 shares in 7 separate transactions, ranging from \$8.18 to \$8.45 per share, resulting in a weighted average sale price per share of \$8.3833.
- (4) Represents the sale of 1,500 shares in 10 separate transactions, ranging from \$7.50 to \$7.66 per share, resulting in a weighted average sale price per share of \$7.5687.
- (5) Represents the sale of 4,285 shares in 13 separate transactions, ranging from \$7.43 to \$7.56 per share, resulting in a weighted average sale price per share of \$7.4814.

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