

Gilbert Richard P.
Form 4
November 20, 2008

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 *
Gilbert Richard P.

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
NOVEN PHARMACEUTICALS
INC [NOVN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
11/18/2008

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
X Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
Vice President - Operations

C/O NOVEN
PHARMACEUTICALS,
INC., 11960 S.W. 144TH STREET

(Street)

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

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

MIAMI, FL 33186

(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)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 11.09	11/18/2008		A	66,922	(1) 11/17/2015	Common Stock (\$.0001 par value) 66,922

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Gilbert Richard P.
C/O NOVEN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.
11960 S.W. 144TH STREET
MIAMI, FL 33186

Vice President - Operations

Signatures

/s/ Richard P.
Gilbert 11/20/2008

__Signature of
Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) 25% exercisable beginning on 11/18/2009; 25% exercisable beginning on 11/18/2010; 25% exercisable beginning on 11/18/2011; and 25% exercisable beginning on 11/18/2012.

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