

Hart Danny J Jr.
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FORM 4

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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 *
Hart Danny J Jr.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
PDL BIOPHARMA, INC. [PDLI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
932 SOUTHWOOD BOULEVARD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/23/2011

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Assoc Genl Counsel/Asst Sec

(Street)

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

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

INCLINE VILLAGE, NV 89451

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	05/23/2011		A		3,809 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 0 5,809 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. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 6)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Hart Danny J Jr. 932 SOUTHWOOD BOULEVARD INCLINE VILLAGE, NV 89451			Assoc Genl Counsel/Asst Sec	

Signatures

/s/ Danny J Hart, 05/25/2011
 Jr.

**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).
- The shares will vest on December 31, 2012, provided Mr. Hart is continuously employed by the Company through such date. In the event Mr. Hart is terminated by PDL without cause or resigns for good reason, the shares shall ratably accelerate and vest in proportion to the time lapsed during the vesting period. During the vesting period, Mr. Hart has the right to vote the shares and will receive any dividends and other shareholder distributions paid by PDL. Such dividends and other distributions shall accumulate with interest and will vest and pay if and when the underlying shares vest.
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