# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 20549

# SCHEDULE 13G (Rule 13d-102)

# INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT TO RULES 13d-1(b) (c) AND (d) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO 13d-2(b)

Avant Immunotherapeutics, Inc.
(Name of Issuer)
Common Stock
(Title of Class of Securities)
053491106
(CUSIP Number)
December 31, 2007
(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

o Rule 13d-1(b) ⊠ Rule 13d-1(c)

o Rule 13d-1(d)

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, *see* the *Notes*).

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### ITEM 1(a). NAME OF ISSUER:

Avant Immunotherapeutics, Inc. ("Avant")

# ITEM 1(b). ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES:

119 Fourth Avenue

Needham, MA 02494-2725

### ITEM 2(a). NAME OF PERSON FILING:

This Schedule 13G is being filed on behalf of the following persons (the "Reporting Persons"):

- (i) Biotechnology Value Fund, L.P. ("BVF")
- (ii) Biotechnology Value Fund II, L.P. ("BVF2")
- (iii) BVF Investments, L.L.C. ("Investments")
- (iv) Investment 10, L.L.C. ("ILL10")
- (v) BVF Partners L.P. ("Partners")
- (vi) BVF Inc. ("BVF Inc.")

### ITEM 2(b). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE:

The principal business office of the Reporting Persons comprising the group filing this Schedule 13G is located at 900 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 1100, Chicago, Illinois, 60611.

# ITEM 2(c). CITIZENSHIP:

BVF: a Delaware limited partnership
BVF2: a Delaware limited partnership
Investments: a Delaware limited liability company
ILL10: an Illinois limited liability company
Partners: a Delaware limited partnership
BVF Inc.: a Delaware corporation

### ITEM 2(d). TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES:

This Schedule 13G is being filed with respect to the common stock, par value \$0.001 per share ("Common Stock"), of Avant. The Reporting Persons' percentage ownership of Common Stock is based on 74,188,066 shares of Common Stock being outstanding.

As of December 31, 2007, BVF, BVF2, Investments, ILL10, Partners and BVF do not beneficially own any shares of Common Stock of Avant.

# ITEM 2(e). CUSIP Number:

053491106

# ITEM 3. IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b) or (c) CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS: One of the following

Not applicable as this Schedule 13G is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c).

# ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP:

The information in items 1 and 5 through 11 on the cover pages (pp. 2 - 7) on this Schedule 13G is hereby incorporated by reference.

# ITEM 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS:

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the Reporting Persons have ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities check the following.  $\boxtimes$ 

# ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON:

Not applicable.

# ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY:

Not applicable.

# ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF A GROUP:

Not applicable.

# ITEM 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP:

Not applicable.

#### ITEM 10. CERTIFICATION

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: January 29, 2008

#### BIOTECHNOLOGY VALUE FUND, L.P.

By: BVF Partners L.P., its general partner

By: BVF Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ Mark N. Lampert

Mark N. Lampert President

#### BIOTECHNOLOGY VALUE FUND II, L.P.

By: BVF Partners L.P., its general partner

By: BVF Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ Mark N. Lampert

Mark N. Lampert President

#### **BVF INVESTMENTS, L.L.C.**

By: BVF Partners L.P., its manager

By: BVF Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ Mark N. Lampert

Mark N. Lampert President

### INVESTMENT 10, L.L.C.

By: BVF Partners L.P., its attorney-in-fact

By: BVF Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ Mark N. Lampert

Mark N. Lampert President

#### **BVF PARTNERS L.P.**

By: BVF Inc., its general partner

By: /s/ Mark N. Lampert

Mark N. Lampert President

BVF INC.

By: /s/ Mark N. Lampert

Mark N. Lampert President