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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* FREEMAN PAULA R				A	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>AVANT IMMUNOTHERAPEUTICS INC</u> [AVAN]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner						
(Last) (First) (Middle) 33 WHISPER DRIVE						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2005									Officer (give title X Other (specify below) X below) Sr.Dir.Human Resources					
(Street) WORCESTER MA 01609 (City) (State) (Zip)				4. 11	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								 Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person 							
		Tal	ole I - Non	-Deriva	ative	e Se	curities	s Ac	quired,	Dis	posed c	of, or Be	eneficia	ally O	wned					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D				Execution Date								str. 3, 4 a	and Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)		s ally ollowing I ion(s)	Form (D) o	n: Direct r Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
	Code V Amount (A) OI Price Indisaction(s) (instr. 3 and 4) Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) Owned																			
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		3A. Deemed Execution D if any (Month/Day/	Date, Ti	4. Transactio Code (Inst 8)				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amoun of Securities Underlying Derivative Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)		Der	Price of ivative curity str. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	lly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)	
				c	Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisab		Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Numbe of Shares	r						
Incentice Stock	\$2.075	01/03/2005			A		12,000		01/03/200	9 (01/03/2015	Common Stock	12,00	0 \$	2.075	130,40	3	D		

Explanation of Responses:

Option

Paula R. Freeman

01/05/2005

Date

** Signature of Reporting Person

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

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

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