

ABEL DOUGLAS
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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 *
ABEL DOUGLAS

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
MANHATTAN PHARMACEUTICALS INC [MHAN]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President and CEO

(Last) (First) (Middle)
810 SEVENTH AVENUE, 4TH FLOOR
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
09/11/2008

NEW YORK, NY 10019
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)		
				(A) or (D)	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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 1.5					<u>(1)</u>	04/01/2015	Common Stock	2,923,900
Stock Options	\$ 0.95					<u>(2)</u>	04/25/2017	Common Stock	250,000
Stock Options	\$ 0.17					<u>(3)</u>	03/25/2018	Common Stock	1,300,000
Warrant	\$ 0.2	09/11/2008		A	24,000	<u>(4)</u>	09/10/2013	Common Stock	24,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ABEL DOUGLAS 810 SEVENTH AVENUE, 4TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10019	X		President and CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Douglas Abel 09/15/2008

__Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) 974,634 shares vest on 11/1/05; 974,633 shares vest on each of 11/1/06 and 11/1/07.
- (2) 83,334 shares vest on 4/25/08; 83,333 shares vest on each of 4/25/09 and 4/25/10.
- (3) 433,333 shares vest as of the date of grant, 3/25/08, an additional 433,334 vest on 03/25/09 and an additional 433,334 vest on 3/25/10.
- (4) Immediately

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