FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Hurvitz Eli						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Protalix BioTherapeutics, Inc. [ PLX ]									Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)						
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(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O PROTALIX BIOTHERAPEUTICS, INC. 2 SNUNIT STREET SCIENCE PARK, POB 455						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/12/2009										officer below)	(give title		Other below)	(specify	
(Street) CARMIEL L3 20100					-   4 -	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City)	()	State)	(Zip)																		
			Table I - N	on-Der	riva	tive	Sec	urities A	cquired	d, Di	sposed	of, or	r Be	neficia	lly	Owned					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)			2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)			Execution Date,		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 an				and 5) Securities Beneficially Owned Follow		у	Form:	Direct Indirect tr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
							Code	v	Amount (A) or (D)		Price		Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(Instr. 4)				
Common	on Stock			11/12/2009					S <sup>(1)</sup>		1,121,9	967	D	\$10	0	1,764,480		I		by Partnership	
Common	nmon Stock			11/12/2009					S <sup>(1)</sup>		250,00	00	D	\$10.	\$10.76 1,514		1,480			by Partnership	
Common	Stock			11/12	2/20	09			M <sup>(2)</sup>		3,384,5	502	A	\$0.0	01	4,898	,982			by Partnership	
Common	Stock			11/12	2/20	09			F <sup>(3)</sup>		299		D	\$11.	33	4,898,	,683		by Partnership		
Common	Stock			11/12	2/20	09			J <sup>(4)</sup>		4,443,4	143	D	(5)		455,2	40 <sup>(6)</sup>		D		
			Table II					rities Aco	• ,		•	,		-	у О	wned					
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Da if any (Month/Day/Y	4. Tra	ansac	ction	5. Number of Derivative		6. Date E Expiratio (Month/D	xercis	sable and	7. Title Secur Deriva	7. Title and Am Securities Und Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)		g	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numb derivativ Securitie Beneficia Owned Followin Reported Transact	e s ally g	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Co	ode	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisal		Expiration Date	Title		Amount of Number of Shares		(Instr. 4		·			
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$0.001	11/12/2009		N	M			3,384,502	(7)		03/16/2010	Comn		3,384,5	02	\$0 0		0 1		By Partnership <sup>(8)</sup>	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Represents the sale by Pontifax (Cayman) L.P. and Pontifax (Israel) L.P. to cover the estimated applicable withholding tax for the transfer, described in this Form 4, of the common stock of Protalix BioTherapeutics, Inc. (the "Company") to their respective partners
- 2. Represents shares of common stock issued by the Company to Pontifax (Cayman) L.P. and Pontifax (Israel) L.P. upon the cashless exercise of options to purchase a total of 3,384,502 shares of common stock. Mr. Hurvitz disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.
- 3. Represents shares of common stock withheld by the Company in connection with the exercise of the options by Pontifax (Cayman) L.P. and Pontifax (Israel) L.P.
- 4. After exercising the options described in this Form 4, Pontifax (Cayman) L.P. and Pontifax (Israel) L.P. distributed all of their interests in the Company to their respective partners on a pro rata basis based on the percentage interest of each partner in the applicable partnership.
- 5. The shares were transferred to the partners of each of Pontifax (Cayman) L.P. and Pontifax (Israel) L.P. on a pro rata basis based upon their percentage interests in the transferring partnership. No consideration was paid in connection with the transfer.
- 6. Represents shares issued to the reporting person, Mr. Eli Hurvitz, a limited and general partner of Pontifax (Israel) L.P. and Pontifax (Cayman) L.P., in connection with the transfer. Such shares were retained by Mr.
- 7. All of the options vested prior to the date of the transaction.
- 8. Represents all of the options issued to Pontifax (Cayman) L.P. and Pontifax (Israel) L.P. on December 31, 2006.

/s/ Yossi Maimon, POA 11/13/2009

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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