

Berkowitz Noah  
Form 4  
December 03, 2008

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Berkowitz Noah

(Last) (First) (Middle)

221 WEST GRAND  
AVENUE, SUITE 200

(Street)

MONTVALE, NJ 07645

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

Synvista Therapeutics, Inc. [SYI]

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

12/01/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☒ Director ☒ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

President & CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)

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Person

**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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			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)**

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.24	12/01/2008		100,000 (1)	A				12/01/2009	12/01/2018	Common Stock	100,000
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.67	12/01/2008		50,000 (2)	A				12/01/2009	10/03/2017	Common Stock	50,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Berkowitz Noah 221 WEST GRAND AVENUE SUITE 200 MONTVALE, NJ 07645	X	X	President & CEO	

## Signatures

/s/ Wendy A. Milici  
Attorney-in-Fact

12/03/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

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(1) 100,000 options will vest and become exercisable in four equal annual installments commencing on December 1, 2008 until fully vested.

On December 1, 2008, the Board approved the issuance of such options upon the achievement of certain Company milestones. The

(2) options shall vest as follows: (i) 50% of options shall vest immediately, (ii) 25% of options shall vest on October 3, 2008, and (iii) 25% of options shall vest on October 3, 2009.

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