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(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
McHugh Julie (Last) (First) (Middle)	**VIROPHARMA INC [VPHM]**	__ **X** __ Director _____ 10% Owner _____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
730 STOCKTON DRIVE (Street)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) **1/3/2012**	
EXTON, PA 19341 (City) (State) (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) _ **X** _ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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	(A) or (D)	Price			

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (*e.g.* , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Non-qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	**$27.99**	**1/3/2012**		**A**		**12500**		**1/3/2013** (1)	**1/3/2022**	**Common Stock**	**12500**	(2)	**12500**	**D**	
Restricted Stock Units	(3)	**1/3/2012**		**A**		**6250**		(4)	(4)	**Common Stock**	**6250**	**$ 0**	**6250**	**D**	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) The options vest in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary date from time of grant.

(2) This is an option grant for which there is no purchase price.

(3) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of VPHM stock.

(4) The restricted stock unit vests in three equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary date from the date of grant. Vested shares will be delivered to the reporting person upon vesting.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
McHugh Julie **730 STOCKTON DRIVE** **EXTON, PA 19341**	**X**			

Signatures

/s/ J. Peter Wolf, attorney-in-fact	**1/4/2012**
** 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).

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