

OSCIENT PHARMACEUTICALS CORP  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**RIEDEL NORBERT G**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**OSCIENT PHARMACEUTICALS CORP [OSCI]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1000 WINTER ST. SUITE 2200  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 06/12/2008

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

WALTHAM, MA 02451

(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)                                                        | Price                                                                                         |                                                          |                                   |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>     | 06/12/2008                           |                                                    | A                              | 300                                                               | A \$ 0                                                                                        | 1,340                                                    | D                                 |

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) | 8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common Stock Options (right to buy)        | \$ 1.77                                                | 06/12/2008                           |                                                    | A                              | 750                                                                                     | (2) 06/11/2018                                           | Common Stock                                                  | 750                                                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                      | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                     | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| RIEDEL NORBERT G<br>1000 WINTER ST. SUITE 2200<br>WALTHAM, MA 02451 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

Stanley Chalvire, Esq., Corporate Attorney  
 Date: 06/13/2008

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

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

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

(1) Restricted Shares issued under the Company's 2001 Incentive Plan and will vest in equal annual installments over two years.

(2) Stock Options issued under the Company's 2001 Incentive Plan and will vest in equal quarterly installments over two years.

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