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July 20, 2004

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

SCHEDULE 13G  
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Avanir Pharmaceuticals  
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock  
(Title of Class of Securities)

05348P104  
(CUSIP Number)

May 26, 2004

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)

Rule 13d-1(c)

Rule 13d-1(d)

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

CUSIP No. 05348P104

1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).  
  
OrbiMed Advisors LLC
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member Of a Group (See Instructions)  
  
 (a)  
 (b)

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3. SEC Use Only
4. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware
5. Sole Voting Power: 0
- Number of  
Shares  
Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each Reporting  
Person With
6. Shared Voting Power: 651,473
7. Sole Dispositive Power: 0
8. Shared Dispositive Power: 651,473
9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
651,473
10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares  
(See Instructions)
11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 0.71%
12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) IA

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).  
  
OrbiMed Capital II LLC
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  
  
 (a)  
 (b)
3. SEC Use Only
4. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
Delaware
5. Sole Voting Power: 0
- Number of  
Shares  
Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each Reporting  
Person With
6. Shared Voting Power: 7,223,527
7. Sole Dispositive Power: 0
8. Shared Dispositive Power: 7,223,527
9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person  
7,223,527
10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares  
(See Instructions)

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11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 7.92%
12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) IA

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1. Names of Reporting Persons.  
I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only).  
  
Samuel D. Isaly
  2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group (See Instructions)  
  
 (a)  
 (b)
  3. SEC Use Only
  4. Citizenship or Place of Organization  
  
United States
  5. Sole Voting Power: 0
  6. Shared Voting Power: 7,875,000
  7. Sole Dispositive Power: 0
  8. Shared Dispositive Power: 7,875,000
  9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person:  
7,875,000
  10. Check if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares  
(See Instructions)
  11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9) 8.63%
  12. Type of Reporting Person (See Instructions) HC
- Number of  
Shares  
Beneficially  
Owned by  
Each Reporting  
Person With

Item 1. (a) Issuer: Avanir Pharmaceuticals

1. Address:  
11388 Sorrento Valley Road  
San Diego, California 92121

Item 2. (a) Name of Person Filing:  
OrbiMed Advisors LLC  
OrbiMed Capital II LLC  
Samuel D. Isaly

(b) Address of Principal Business Offices:

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767 Third Avenue, 30th Floor  
New York, New York 10017

(c) Citizenship:  
Please refer to Item 4 on each cover sheet for each filing person

(d) Title of Class of Securities  
Common stock

(e) CUSIP Number: 05348P104

Item 3. OrbiMed Advisors LLC and OrbiMed Capital II LLC are investment advisors in accordance with ss.240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E). Samuel D. Isaly is a control person in accordance with ss.240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G).

Item 4. Ownership

Please see Items 5 - 9 and 11 for each cover sheet for each filing separately

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class

Not Applicable

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Reporting persons are holding 8.63% (0.71% in the case of OrbiMed Advisors LLC and 7.92% in the case of OrbiMed Capital II LLC) of the securities on behalf of other persons who have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or proceeds from sale of, such securities. No one such other person's interest in the securities whose ownership is reported here relates to more than five percent of the class.

OrbiMed Advisors LLC and OrbiMed Capital II LLC hold shares on behalf of Caduceus Private Investments II, LP (5,255,689 shares), Caduceus Private Investments II (QP), LP (1,967,838 shares) and UBS Juniper Crossover Fund, LLC (651,473 shares).

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on By the Parent Holding Company

Not Applicable

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group

Not Applicable

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group

Not Applicable

Item 10. Certification

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or

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with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: July 20, 2004

OrbiMed Advisors LLC

By: /s/ Samuel D. Isaly

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Name: Samuel D. Isaly  
Title: President

OrbiMed Capital II LLC

By: /s/ Samuel D. Isaly

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Name: Samuel D. Isaly  
Title: Managing Member

By: /s/ Samuel D. Isaly

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Name: Samuel D. Isaly