

H&Q LIFE SCIENCES INVESTORS
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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D
(Rule 13d-101)

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN STATEMENTS FILED PURSUANT
TO § 240.13d-1(a) AND AMENDMENTS THERETO FILED PURSUANT TO
§ 240.13d-2(a)

(Amendment No. 1)¹

H&Q Life Sciences Investors

(Name of Issuer)

Shares of Beneficial Interest, Par Value \$.01 Per Share

(Title of Class of Securities)

404053100

(CUSIP Number)

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January 18, 2011

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

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CUSIP NO. 404053100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

WESTERN INVESTMENT LLC

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

OO, WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		1,122,524
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		1,122,524
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,122,524

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

5.1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

OO

CUSIP NO. 404053100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

ARTHUR D. LIPSON

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

OO, PF

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

USA

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		1,122,734
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		1,122,734
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

1,122,734

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

5.1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

CUSIP NO. 404053100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

WESTERN INVESTMENT HEDGED PARTNERS L.P.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		492,448
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		492,448
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

492,448

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

2.3%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

PN

CUSIP NO. 404053100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

WESTERN INVESTMENT ACTIVISM PARTNERS LLC

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		133,384
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		133,384
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

133,384

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

LESS THAN 1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

OO

CUSIP NO. 404053100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

WESTERN INVESTMENT TOTAL RETURN PARTNERS L.P.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A (a)
GROUP (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
	8	100 SHARED VOTING POWER
	9	- 0 - SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
	10	100 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

100

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

LESS THAN 1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

PN

CUSIP NO. 404053100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

WESTERN INVESTMENT TOTAL RETURN FUND LTD.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

CAYMAN ISLANDS

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		496,092
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		496,092
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

496,092

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

2.3%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

CO

CUSIP NO. 404053100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

BENCHMARK PLUS INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS, L.L.C.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		400,686
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		400,686
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

400,686

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

1.8%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

OO

CUSIP NO. 404053100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

BENCHMARK PLUS PARTNERS, L.L.C.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a) (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

WC

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		100
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		100
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

100

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

LESS THAN 1%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

OO

CUSIP NO. 404053100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

BENCHMARK PLUS MANAGEMENT, L.L.C.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

OO

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

DELAWARE

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		400,786
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		400,786
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

400,786

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

1.8%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

OO

CUSIP NO. 404053100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

ROBERT FERGUSON

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A (a)
GROUP (b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

OO

5 CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEM 2(d) OR 2(e)

6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

USA

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		400,786
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		400,786
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

400,786

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

1.8%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

CUSIP NO. 404053100

1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

SCOTT FRANZBLAU

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A (a)
GROUP (b)

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4 SOURCE OF FUNDS

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6 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

USA

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	7	SOLE VOTING POWER
		400,786
	8	SHARED VOTING POWER
		- 0 -
	9	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
		400,786
	10	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
		- 0 -

11 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

400,786

12 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11)
EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

13 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11)

1.8%

14 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

IN

CUSIP NO. 404053100

The following constitutes Amendment No. 1 to the Schedule 13D filed by the undersigned ("Amendment No. 1"). This Amendment No. 1 amends the Schedule 13D as specifically set forth herein.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Consideration.

Item 3 is amended and restated to read as follows:

The aggregate purchase price of the 1,122,524 Shares beneficially owned by WILLC is approximately \$11,609,066. The Shares beneficially owned by WILLC consist of 500 Shares that were acquired with WILLC's working capital, 492,448 Shares that were acquired with WIHP's working capital, 133,384 Shares that were acquired with WIAP's working capital, 100 Shares that were acquired with WITRP's working capital and 496,092 Shares that were acquired with WITRL's working capital.

The aggregate purchase price of the 210 Shares directly owned by Mr. Lipson is approximately \$1,693. The Shares directly owned by Mr. Lipson were acquired with personal funds.

The aggregate purchase price of the 400,786 Shares beneficially owned by BPM is approximately \$3,899,839. The Shares beneficially owned by BPM consist of 400,686 Shares that were acquired with BPIP's working capital and 100 Shares that were acquired with BPP's working capital.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

Item 5(a) is amended and restated to read as follows:

(a) The aggregate percentage of Shares reported owned by each person named herein is based upon 21,842,141 Shares outstanding, which is the total number of Shares outstanding as of September 30, 2010, as reported in the Issuer's Annual Report to Stockholders on Form N-CSR, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 1, 2010.

As of the date hereof, WIHP, WIAP, WITRP and WITRL beneficially owned 492,448, 133,384, 100 and 496,092 Shares, respectively, constituting approximately 2.3%, less than 1%, less than 1% and 2.3%, respectively, of the Shares outstanding.

As the general partner of each of WIHP and WITRP, the managing member of WIAP and the investment manager of WITRL, WILLC may be deemed to beneficially own the 1,122,024 Shares owned in the aggregate by WIHP, WIAP, WITRP and WITRL, constituting approximately 5.1% of the Shares outstanding, in addition to the 500 Shares it holds directly.

As the managing member of WILLC, Mr. Lipson may be deemed to beneficially own the 1,122,524 Shares beneficially owned by WILLC, constituting approximately 5.1% of the Shares outstanding, in addition to the 210 Shares he owns directly.

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As of the date hereof, BPIP and BPP beneficially owned 400,686 and 100 Shares, respectively, constituting approximately 1.8% and less than 1%, respectively, of the Shares outstanding. As the managing member of each of BPIP and BPP, BPM may be deemed to beneficially own the 400,786 Shares owned in the aggregate by BPIP and BPP, constituting approximately 1.8% of the Shares outstanding. As managing members of BPM, each of Messrs. Franzblau and Ferguson may be deemed to beneficially own the 400,786 Shares beneficially owned by BPM, constituting approximately 1.8% of the Shares outstanding.

Item 5(c) is amended to add the following:

(c) Schedule B annexed hereto lists all transactions in securities of the Issuer since the filing of the Schedule 13D. All of such transactions were effected in the open market.

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of his knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: January 18, 2011

WESTERN INVESTMENT LLC

By: /s/ Arthur D. Lipson
Name: Arthur D. Lipson
Title: Managing Member

WESTERN INVESTMENT HEDGED PARTNERS L.P.

By: Western Investment LLC
General Partner

By: /s/ Arthur D. Lipson
Name: Arthur D. Lipson
Title: Managing Member

WESTERN INVESTMENT ACTIVISM PARTNERS LLC

By: Western Investment LLC
Managing Member

By: /s/ Arthur D. Lipson
Name: Arthur D. Lipson
Title: Managing Member

WESTERN INVESTMENT TOTAL RETURN PARTNERS L.P.

By: Western Investment LLC
General Partner

By: /s/ Arthur D. Lipson
Name: Arthur D. Lipson
Title: Managing Member

WESTERN INVESTMENT TOTAL RETURN FUND LTD.

By: Western Investment LLC
Investment Manager

By: /s/ Arthur D. Lipson
Name: Arthur D. Lipson
Title: Managing Member

/s/ Arthur D. Lipson
ARTHUR D. LIPSON

CUSIP NO. 404053100

BENCHMARK PLUS PARTNERS, L.L.C.

By: Benchmark Plus Management, L.L.C.
Managing Member

By: /s/ Robert Ferguson
Name: Robert Ferguson
Title: Managing Member

By: /s/ Scott Franzblau
Name: Scott Franzblau
Title: Managing Member

BENCHMARK PLUS INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS, L.L.C.

By: Benchmark Plus Management, L.L.C.
Managing Member

By: /s/ Robert Ferguson
Name: Robert Ferguson
Title: Managing Member

By: /s/ Scott Franzblau
Name: Scott Franzblau
Title: Managing Member

BENCHMARK PLUS MANAGEMENT, L.L.C.

By: /s/ Robert Ferguson
Name: Robert Ferguson
Title: Managing Member

By: /s/ Scott Franzblau
Name: Scott Franzblau
Title: Managing Member

/s/ Robert Ferguson
ROBERT FERGUSON

/s/ Scott Franzblau
SCOTT FRANZBLAU

CUSIP NO. 404053100

SCHEDULE B

Transactions in the Shares Since the Filing of the Schedule 13D

Date of Purchase	Shares of Common Stock Purchased	Price Per Share (\$)
WESTERN INVESTMENT HEDGED PARTNERS L.P.		
01/05/11	1,900	10.9519
01/06/11	3,312	11.1857
01/07/11	9,726	11.1531
01/10/11	2,400	11.2159
01/10/11	8,500	11.2250
01/11/11	2,215	11.3109
01/11/11	7,006	11.3139
01/12/11	2,100	11.4674
01/12/11	15,589	11.4643
01/13/11	200	11.4785
01/13/11	12,847	11.5007
01/18/11	2,300	11.5741
01/18/11	3,900	11.5774

WESTERN INVESTMENT ACTIVISM PARTNERS LLC

01/03/11	4,800	10.8607
01/03/11	13,500	10.8508
01/04/11	5,300	10.9218
01/04/11	4,000	10.8776
01/05/11	1,900	10.9519
01/06/11	3,300	11.1857
01/07/11	9,600	11.1531
01/10/11	2,300	11.2159
01/10/11	8,455	11.2250

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Date of Purchase	Shares of Common Stock Purchased	Price Per Share (\$)
01/11/11	2,200	11.3109
01/11/11	6,900	11.3139
01/12/11	2,000	11.4674
01/12/11	15,700	11.4643
01/13/11	200	11.4785
01/13/11	12,900	11.5007
01/14/11	306	11.5624
01/18/11	2,300	11.5741
01/18/11	3,800	11.5774

WESTERN INVESTMENT TOTAL RETURN FUND LTD.

01/03/11	4,810	10.8607
01/03/11	13,547	10.8508
01/04/11	5,462	10.9218
01/04/11	3,900	10.8776
01/05/11	1,900	10.9519
01/06/11	3,300	11.1857
01/07/11	9,600	11.1531
01/10/11	2,300	11.2159
01/10/11	8,500	11.2250
01/11/11	2,200	11.3109
01/11/11	6,900	11.3139
01/12/11	2,000	11.4674
01/12/11	15,700	11.4643
01/13/11	200	11.4785
01/13/11	12,900	11.5007
01/18/11	2,252	11.5741
01/18/11	3,948	11.5774