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

SCHEDULE 13G

UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

(Amendment No.)*

VIVUS, INC.

(NAME OF ISSUER)

Common Stock

(TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES)

928551 10 0

(CUSIP NUMBER)

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing of 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).

(1) NAMES OF REPORTING PERSON
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSONS
Leland Wilson 193.36.0600

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

(3) SEC USE ONLY

(4) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
United States

NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH	(5)	SOLE VOTING POWER 1,123,569
	(6)	SHARED VOTING POWER
	(7)	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 1,123,569
	(8)	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

(9) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

(10) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN
SHARES*

(11) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9
3.3%

(12) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*
IN

*SEE INSTRUCTION BEFORE FILLING OUT

ITEM 1.

- (a) Name of Issuer: VIVUS, Inc.
- (b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:
605 East Fairchild Drive
Mountain View, CA 94043

ITEM 2.

- (a) Name of Person Filing: Leland F. Wilson
- (b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Residence
VIVUS, Inc.
605 East Fairchild Drive
Mountain View, CA 94043
- (c) Citizenship United States
- (d) Title of Class of Securities: Common Stock
- (e) CUSIP Number: 928551 10 0

ITEM 3. IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b), check whether the person is a:

- (a) Broker or Dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act
- (b) Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act
- (c) Insurance Company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act
- (d) Investment Company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act
- (e) Investment Adviser registered under section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940
- (f) Employee Benefit Plan, Pension Fund which is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 or Endowment Fund, see Sec. 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F)
- (g) Parent Holding Company, in accordance with Sec. 240.13d-1(b)(ii)(G) (Note: See Item 7)
- (h) Group, in accordance with Sec. 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(H)

ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP

- (a) Amount Beneficially Owned: 1,123,569*
- (b) Percent of Class: 3.3% (based on total outstanding shares at 12/31/97 of 33,504,665)
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has: 1,123,569*
 - (i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 1,123,569
 - (ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 0
 - (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 1,123,569
 - (iv) shared power to dispose or direct the disposition of: 0

* consists of (i) 479,319 shares held by Leland Wilson (ii) 644,250 Options exercisable as of 60 days from December 31, 1997

ITEM 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following [X].

ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON.

ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY.

ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP.

ITEM 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP.

ITEM 10.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes 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.

February 9, 1998

Date

/s/ Robert D. Brownell

Signature

By Robert D. Brownell attorney-in-fact
for Leland F. Wilson