

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

SCHEDULE 13D

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(Amendment No. 1)

VIVUS, Inc.
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, \$0.001 par value
(Title of Class of Securities)

928551100
(CUSIP Number)

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(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

July 19, 2013
(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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SCHEDULE 13D

Item 1. Security and Issuer.

This statement constitutes Amendment No. 1 to the Schedule 13D relating to the Common Stock, par value \$0.001 (the “Shares”), issued by VIVUS, Inc. (the “Issuer”), and hereby amends the Schedule 13D filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 24, 2013 (the “Initial Schedule 13D”), on behalf of the Reporting Persons (as defined in the Initial Schedule 13D), to furnish the additional information set forth herein. All capitalized terms contained herein but not otherwise defined shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Initial Schedule 13D.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction.

Item 4 of the Initial Schedule 13D is hereby amended by adding the following:

Effective July 19, 2013, Dr. Denner was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Issuer. In addition, on July 22, 2013, Dr. Denner and First Manhattan Co. terminated the Nomination Letter Agreement, dated as of May 22, 2013, between Dr. Denner and First Manhattan Co., and therefore, the Reporting Persons ceased to be a “group” with First Manhattan Co. and certain of its affiliates and certain of their other nominees to the Issuer’s board of directors, pursuant to Rule 13d-5(b)(1) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Group Termination”).

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer.

(e) As a result of the Group Termination, the Reporting Persons ceased to be the beneficial owners of more than 5% of the Shares on July 22, 2013.

SIGNATURE

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

Dated: July 22, 2013

SARISSA CAPITAL MANAGEMENT LP

By: /s/ Seth Platt

Name: Seth Platt

Title: Chief Operating Officer & Chief Compliance Officer

SARISSA CAPITAL DOMESTIC FUND LP

By: Sarissa Capital Fund GP LP, its general partner

By: /s/ Seth Platt

Name: Seth Platt

Title: Authorized Person

SARISSA CAPITAL OFFSHORE MASTER FUND LP

By: Sarissa Capital Offshore Fund GP LLC, its general partner

By: /s/ Seth Platt

Name: Seth Platt

Title: Authorized Person

/s/ Alexander J. Denner

Alexander J. Denner
