

METABASIS THERAPEUTICS INC
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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 *
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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 METABASIS THERAPEUTICS INC [MBRX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 04/16/2008

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

SEE FOOTNOTE (1) IN EXHIBIT 99.1, ELEVEN MADISON AVENUE

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW YORK NY 10010

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|---------------|---|------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 04/16/2008 | | P | | 196,633 (2) | A | \$ 2.34 | 3,863,422 (2) | I | See footnote (1) |
| Common Stock | 04/16/2008 | | O(3) | | 119,454 (2) | A | (3) | 3,863,422 (2) | I | See footnote (1) |

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)

| 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|------------|--|-----------------|---|
| | | | | | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | |
| Warrants (right to buy Common Stock) | \$ 6.74 | 04/16/2008 | | D ⁽³⁾ | | 119,454 | <u>(3)</u> | <u>(3)</u> | Common Stock |
| Warrants (right to buy Common Stock) | \$ 2.34 | 04/16/2008 | | A ⁽³⁾ | 119,454 | <u>(3)</u> | <u>(3)</u> | <u>(3)</u> | Common Stock |
| Warrants (right to buy Common Stock) | \$ 2.34 | 04/16/2008 | | D | | 119,454 | <u>(3)</u> | <u>(3)</u> | Common Stock |
| Warrants (right to buy Common Stock) | \$ 2.69 | 04/16/2008 | | A | 82,884 | <u>(4)</u> | 10/16/2008 | 04/16/2003 | Common Stock |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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SEE FOOTNOTE (1) IN EXHIBIT 99.1
ELEVEN MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK NY 10010

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Signatures

/s/ Ivy Dodes on behalf of the Reporting Person

04/18/2008

__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) See Footnote 1 in Exhibit 99.1
- (2) See Footnote 2 in Exhibit 99.1
- (3) See Footnote 3 in Exhibit 99.1
- (4) See Footnote 4 in Exhibit 99.1

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