

METABASIS THERAPEUTICS INC
 Form 4
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Beck John W

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)
 11/08/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Sr. VP, Finance & CFO

C/O METABASIS THERAPEUTICS, INC., 11119 N. TORREY PINES RD.
 (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

LA JOLLA, CA 92037

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)				
Common Stock	11/08/2006		S ⁽¹⁾		3,000	D	\$ 8	9,345	I	See Footnote (2)
Common Stock	11/08/2006		S ⁽¹⁾		3,000	D	\$ 8	9,345	I	See Footnote (3)
Common Stock	11/08/2006		S ⁽¹⁾		3,000	D	\$ 8	9,345	I	See Footnote (4)

Common
Stock

244,592 ⁽⁵⁾ D

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 3)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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Sr. VP, Finance & CFO

Signatures

/s/ John W. Beck 11/13/2006

__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) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to an existing sales plan established under Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (2) By the Rachael M. Beck 2002 Irrevocable Trust dtd 11/8/02.

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(3) By the Joseph C. Beck 2002 Irrevocable Trust dtd 11/8/02.

(4) By the Katerina F. Beck 2002 Irrevocable Trust dtd 11/8/02.

Includes an aggregate of 4,447 shares acquired under the Issuer's 2004 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, 529 of which were acquired on

(5) December 31, 2004, 1,280 of which were acquired on June 30, 2005, 1,294 of which were acquired on December 31, 2005 and 1,344 of which were acquired on June 30, 2006.

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