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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Manzo Louis

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

Symbol

CAPRICOR THERAPEUTICS,

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

INC. [CAPR]

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year) 10/23/2017

C/O CAPRICOR THERAPEUTICS. INC., 8840 WILSHIRE BLVD.,

(Street)

2ND FLOOR

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Code V

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90211

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

(Middle)

3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

Following

Reported

638,155

Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect

Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of

(A)

or (D) Price Amount

0.16

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

(I) (Instr. 4)

D

 $I^{(2)}$

Common Stock

10/23/2017⁽¹⁾

M 20,748

159,132

By Coniston Corporation

Common Stock

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.16	10/23/2017		M	20,748	(3)	10/31/2017	Common Stock	20,748

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Manzo Louis C/O CAPRICOR THERAPEUTICS, INC. 8840 WILSHIRE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90211	X				

Signatures

/s/ Linda Marban, as Attorney-in-Fact

**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).
- On October 23, 2017, the Reporting Person exercised stock options for 20,748 shares of Common Stock. The exercise price was \$0.16 (1) per share and the exercise was subject to the terms and conditions of a Stock Option Award which was granted on November 1, 2007 under the Company's 2006 Stock Option Plan.
- 638,155 shares of common stock of the Issuer are beneficially owned by Coniston Corporation. The equity securities of Coniston

 Corporation are held by the Reporting Person and irrevocable trusts for the benefit of the children of the Reporting Person of which the Reporting Person is not the trustee. The Reporting Person has sole voting power over Coniston Corporation and therefore may be deemed to have sole voting and dispositive power with respect to all securities of the Issuer beneficially owned by Coniston Corporation.
- (3) 25% of the shares subject to the Reporting Person's stock option became exercisable on each of the following dates: (1) February 1, 2008; (2) May 1, 2008; (3) August 1, 2008; and (4) November 1, 2008.

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