

CANCERVAX CORP
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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 *
LARUE WILLIAM R

(Last) (First) (Middle)
2110 RUTHERFORD RD.
(Street)

CARLSBAD, CA 92008

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CANCERVAX CORP [CNVX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/09/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| | | | Code V | Amount (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ | 02/09/2005 | | A | 11,250 A | \$ 0 ₍₂₎ 11,250 | 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)

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| 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) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 7.93 | 02/09/2005 | | A | 58,800 | 03/09/2005 ⁽³⁾ 02/08/2015 | Common Stock | 58,800 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 7.93 | 02/09/2005 | | A | 33,750 | ⁽⁵⁾ 02/08/2015 | Common Stock | 33,750 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| LARUE WILLIAM R 2110 RUTHERFORD RD. CARLSBAD, CA 92008 | | | Sr.VP and CFO | |

Signatures

/s/Hazel M. Aker
Attorney-in-fact

02/11/2005

**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) All shares shall be released from the Company's repurchase option upon the submission of a Biologics License Application for Canvaxin(TM).
- (2) The purchase price is equal to \$0.00004.
- (3) 1/48 vest monthly beginning on 03/08/2005.
- (4) Not applicable to this transaction.
- (5) 11,250 shares vest upon the successful completion of all conformance lots required for submission of a Biologics License Application (BLA) for Canvaxin(TM) and 22,500 shares vest upon the approval of a BLA or equivalent marketing authorization for Canvaxin(TM) in the U.S. or E.U.

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