

METABASIS THERAPEUTICS INC  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 Baracchini Edgardo Jr

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)  
 11119 NORTH TORREY PINES ROAD  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 04/24/2007

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Sr. VP of Business Development

LA JOLLA, CA 92037

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

(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) |                  |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |                                   |                  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | Code V  | Amount  |  |                                   |                  |
| Common Stock                    | 04/24/2007                           |  | S(1)                           | D   | 2,500<br>(3)  | \$ 8.18  | 4,812 I                           | See Footnote (4) |
| Common Stock                    | 04/24/2007                           |  | S(1)                           | D   | 1,800<br>(2)  | \$ 8.24  | 3,012 I                           | See Footnote (4) |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 33,521 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 (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                                |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                        | Other |
| Baracchini Edgardo Jr<br>11119 NORTH TORREY PINES ROAD<br>LA JOLLA, CA 92037 |               |           | Sr. VP of Business Development |       |

## Signatures

Edgardo Baracchini  
04/25/2007  
\*\*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 in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to an existing sales plan established under Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (2) By the Alexander Baracchini Irrevocable Trust.
- (3) By the Gabriella Baracchini Irrevocable Trust.
- (4) Shares are indirectly beneficially owned by the Alexander Baracchini and Gabriella Baracchini Irrevocable Trust.

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