

METABASIS THERAPEUTICS INC

Form 4

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FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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See Instruction
1(b).**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 *
Foyt Howard2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading
SymbolMETABASIS THERAPEUTICS
INC [MBRX]5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

11119 NORTH TORREY PINES

(Street)

LA JOLLA, CA 92037

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

03/21/2007

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

VP of Clinical Development

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)			
			Code	V	Amount		Price

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

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(9-02)**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. D
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)							
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 7.24	03/21/2007	A		29,400		<u>(1)</u>	03/21/2017	Common Stock	29,400	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Foyt Howard 11119 NORTH TORREY PINES LA JOLLA, CA 92037	VP of Clinical Development

Signatures

Howard Foyt 03/23/2007
 **Signature of Date
 Reporting Person

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) 25% of the shares of common stock vest on the first anniversary date of the date of grant and the remaining vest monthly over the remaining three years.

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