

METABASIS THERAPEUTICS INC

Form 4

April 17, 2008

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HALE DAVID F

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**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/16/2008

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

(Street)
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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	04/16/2008		X		3,111	A	\$ 2.34	50,337	I	By Family Trust and Hale BioPharma Ventures LLC ⁽²⁾
Common Stock	04/16/2008		P		10,000	A	\$ 2.34	60,337	I	By Family Trust and Hale BioPharma Ventures

LLC ⁽²⁾

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)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Warrant to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 8.7	04/16/2008		H		3,111		<u>(1)</u>	10/18/2008	Common Stock	3,111
Warrant to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 2.34	04/16/2008		P		3,111		<u>(1)</u>	04/17/2008	Common Stock	3,111
Warrant to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 2.34	04/16/2008		X		3,111		<u>(1)</u>	04/17/2008	Common Stock	3,111
Warrant to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 2.69	04/16/2008		P		3,000		10/16/2008	04/16/2013	Common Stock	3,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HALE DAVID F
11119 NORTH TORREY PINES ROAD X
LA JOLLA, CA 92037

Signatures

Trisha Millican, by power of attorney
04/16/2008

__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) Immed.
- (2) By Hale Family Trust dated February 10, 1986.

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