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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement METABASIS THERAPEUTICS INC [MBRX] Millican Trisha (Month/Day/Year) 05/09/2008 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 11119 NORTH TORREY PINES (Check all applicable) **ROAD** (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group 10% Owner Director _X__ Officer Other Filing(Check Applicable Line) (give title below) (specify below) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Principal Accounting Officer Person LA JOLLA, CAÂ 92037 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Â 1,151 (1) Common Stock D Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security 3. Title and Amount of 5. 6. Nature of Indirect 2. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Instr. 4) Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership Beneficial Ownership (Month/Day/Year) **Derivative Security** or Exercise Form of (Instr. 5) (Instr. 4) Price of Derivative Derivative Security: Title Direct (D) Security

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	08/31/2016	Common Stock	20,250	\$ 5.72	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	03/30/2017	Common Stock	12,900	\$ 7.35	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	02/01/2018	Common Stock	10,750	\$ 2.46	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(3)	02/01/2018	Common Stock	4,515	\$ 2.46	D	Â
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	03/17/2018	Common Stock	2,150	\$ 2	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Millican Trisha 11119 NORTH TORREY PINES ROAD LA JOLLA, CA 92037	Â	Â	Principal Accounting Officer	Â	

Signatures

/s/ Trisha Millican	05/14/2008
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) Shares purchased pursuant to the Company's employee stock purchase plan.
- (2) 25% of the shares vest on the first anniversary of the date of grant and the remaining shares vest monthly over the following three years.
- (3) 100% of the shares vest on the second anniversary of the date of grant.

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