

Nguyen Tran
Form 3
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FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting
Person *

Â Nguyen Tran

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)

03/02/2009

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol

METABASIS THERAPEUTICS INC [MBRX]

4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer

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

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner

☒ X ___ Officer ___ Other
(give title below) (specify below)

VP and CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group
Filing(Check Applicable Line)

☒ X ___ Form filed by One Reporting
Person

___ Form filed by More than One
Reporting Person

11119 NORTH TORREY PINES
ROAD

(Street)

LA JOLLA,Â CAÂ 92037

(City)

(State)

(Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

No securities held

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and
Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of
Securities Underlying
Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

Title

4. Conversion
or Exercise
Price of
Derivative
Security

5. Ownership
Form of
Derivative
Security:
Direct (D)

6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

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Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Nguyen Tran 11119 NORTH TORREY PINES ROAD LA JOLLA, CA 92037	^	^	^ VP and CFO	^

Signatures

Trisha Millican, by Power of Attorney

03/02/2009

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

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