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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] A Stoner Elizabeth (Month/Day/Year) 04/23/2008 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O MPM ASSET (Check all applicable) MANAGEMENT, Â 200 **CLARENDON STREET, 54TH** 10% Owner _X_ Director **FLOOR** Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person BOSTON, MAÂ 02116 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (Instr. 5) Â no securities held 0 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

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(Instr. 4) Price of Derivative Derivative Security: Date **Expiration Title** Amount or Security Direct (D) Exercisable Number of or Indirect Shares (I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Stoner Elizabeth

C/O MPM ASSET MANAGEMENT
200 CLARENDON STREET, 54TH FLOOR
BOSTON, MAÂ 02116

Signatures

/s/ Elizabeth
Stoner

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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