

METABASIS THERAPEUTICS INC

Form 4

January 29, 2010

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

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See Instruction  
1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
EVNIN LUKE

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

(Street)

BOSTON, MA 02116

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
METABASIS THERAPEUTICS  
INC [MBRX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/27/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

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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 Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/27/2010		D <sup>(1)</sup>	4,814,725	D <u>1</u> 0	I	See footnote <u>(2)</u>

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)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repor Trans (Instr
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
EVNIN LUKE C/O MPM ASSET MANAGEMENT 200 CLARENDON STREET, 54TH FLOOR BOSTON, MA 02116	X X

## Signatures

/s/ Luke Evnin 01/29/2010

\_\_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).

Disposed of pursuant to the merger agreement among Ligand Pharmaceuticals Incorporated ("Ligand"); Moonstone Acquisition, Inc., a wholly-owned Subsidiary of Ligand and Metabasis Therapeutics, Inc. dated October 26, 2009 and as amended on November 25, 2009 (the "Merger Agreement") in exchange for \$0.045741 per share in cash, without interest, plus one Roche CVR, one TR Beta CVR, one Glucagon CVR and one General CVR, which rights are subject to the terms and conditions of the respective CVR Agreements, as described in the Merger Agreement.

The shares were held as follows: 3,241,318 by MPM BioVentures II-QP, L.P. ("BV II QP"), 357,666 by MPM BioVentures II, L.P. ("BV II"), 74,628 by MPM Asset Management Investors 2000B LLC ("AM 2000") and 1,141,113 by MPM BioVentures GmbH & Co. (2) Parallel-Beteiligungs KG ("BV KG"). MPM Asset Management II, L.P. and MPM Asset Management II LLC ("AM II LLC") are the direct and indirect general partners of BV II QP, BV II and BV KG. The reporting person is a member of AM II LLC and AM 2000. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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