

METABASIS THERAPEUTICS INC

Form 4

November 19, 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
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Laikind Paul K

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)
11/18/2008

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
Chief Executive Officer

(Street)
LA JOLLA, CA 92037

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ 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	11/18/2008		P		400	A \$ 0.49	701,620 ⁽¹⁾ D
Common Stock	11/18/2008		P		100	A \$ 0.51	701,720 D
Common Stock	11/18/2008		P		500	A \$ 0.56	702,220 D
Common Stock	11/18/2008		P		300	A \$ 0.59	702,520 D
Common Stock	11/19/2008		P		100	A \$ 0.555	702,620 D

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Common Stock	11/19/2008	P	400	A	\$ 0.63	703,020	D
Common Stock	11/19/2008	P	100	A	\$ 0.67	703,120	D
Common Stock	11/19/2008	P	500	A	\$ 0.68	703,620	D
Common Stock	11/19/2008	P	500	A	\$ 0.69	704,120	D
Common Stock	11/19/2008	P	800	A	\$ 0.7	704,920	D
Common Stock	11/19/2008	P	200	A	\$ 0.74	705,120	D
Common Stock	11/19/2008	P	963	A	\$ 0.75	706,083	D
Common Stock	11/19/2008	P	100	A	\$ 0.55	706,183	D
Common Stock	11/19/2008	P	837	A	\$ 0.57	707,020	D
Common Stock	11/19/2008	P	100	A	\$ 0.49	707,120	D
Common Stock	11/19/2008	P	100	A	\$ 0.53	707,220	D

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

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(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 Repo 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
Laikind Paul K 11119 NORTH TORREY PINES ROAD LA JOLLA, CA 92037			Chief Executive Officer	

Signatures

Paul Laikind 11/19/2008

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) Shares reflect non-reportable transaction of common stock acquired pursuant to an Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

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