METABASIS THERAPEUTICS INC

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FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Gschwend Heinz W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

METABASIS THERAPEUTICS INC [MBRX]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/07/2006

_X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title

C/O METABASIS THERAPEUTICS, INC., 11119 N.

TORREY PINES RD

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

(Street)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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LA JOLLA, CA 92037

(City)	(State) (Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securit	ties Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4	sposed 4 and 5 (A) or	of (D)	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)
Common Stock	06/07/2006		Code V M	Amount 548	(D)	Price \$ 1.46	37,360	I	By Trust
Common Stock	06/07/2006		M	1,316	A	\$ 1.46	38,676	I	By Trust
Common Stock	06/07/2006		M	10,000	A	\$ 2.65	48,676	I	By Trust

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

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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)	Secu Acqu or D	rities nired (A) isposed of r. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.46	06/07/2006		M		548	03/28/2004	03/27/2013	Common Stock	548
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.46	06/07/2006		M		1,316	03/08/2005	03/10/2014	Common Stock	1,316
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.65	06/07/2006		M		10,000	05/18/2006	05/17/2015	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

Gschwend Heinz W C/O METABASIS THERAPEUTICS, INC. 11119 N. TORREY PINES RD LA JOLLA, CA 92037



Signatures

Dan Milles, by power of attorney 06/07/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- (1) By H.W. Gschwend & C.T. Healy Revocable Trust

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