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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Shapiro David

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 INTERCEPT
 PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ICPT]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 Chief Medical Officer

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O INTERCEPT
 PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 18
 DESBROSSES ST.
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 11/16/2012

NEW YORK, NY 10013
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting 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 (Instr. 4) | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code | V | Amount | (D) | Price |

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)

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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) | 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) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Restricted Stock Units | <u>(1)</u> | 11/16/2012 | <u>(4)</u> | A | | 25,961 | <u>(2)</u> <u>(2)</u> | Common Stock | 25,961 |
| Options to Purchase Common Stock | \$ 21.5 | 11/16/2012 | <u>(4)</u> | A | | 17,307 | <u>(3)</u> 11/16/2022 | Common Stock | 17,307 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Shapiro David C/O INTERCEPT PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 18 DESBROSSES ST. NEW YORK, NY 10013 | | | Chief Medical Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Barbara Duncan, as Attorney-in-fact 11/20/2012

**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) Each restricted stock unit represents the contingent right to receive one share of common stock upon vesting of the unit. 31.25% of the shares underlying the restricted stock units, representing the shares that would have vested on a quarterly basis from January 1, 2012 until March 31, 2013, will vest on April 9, 2013, subject to the terms and conditions of the award and the Intercept Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 2012 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2012 Plan"). The remainder of the shares originally underlying the restricted stock units will vest pro rata on a quarterly basis from April 1, 2013 through January 1, 2016, subject to the terms and conditions of the award and the 2012 Plan.
- (2) 25% of the shares underlying this option will vest on January 1, 2013, and the remainder of the shares originally underlying this option will vest pro rata on a monthly basis starting from February 1, 2013 through January 1, 2016, subject to the terms and conditions of the award and the 2012 Plan.
- (3) will vest pro rata on a monthly basis starting from February 1, 2013 through January 1, 2016, subject to the terms and conditions of the award and the 2012 Plan.
- (4) Not applicable.

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