

Franklin Joshua B  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Franklin Joshua B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 CORNERSTONE THERAPEUTICS INC [CRTX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/10/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 VP, Sales and Marketing

C/O CORNERSTONE THERAPEUTICS INC., 1255 CRESCENT GREEN DRIVE, SUITE 250

(Street)

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

CARY, NC 27518

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	09/10/2009		M		2,217 A \$ 3.9	52,217	D
Common Stock	09/10/2009		S		2,217 D \$ 7.49	50,000	D
Common Stock	09/11/2009		M		5,883 A \$ 3.9	55,883	D
Common Stock	09/11/2009		S		5,883 D \$ 7.56	50,000	D

(1)

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 (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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.9	09/10/2009		M	2,217	07/28/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> 10/31/2018	Common Stock	2,217
Option to Purchase Common Stock (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.9	09/11/2009		M	5,883	07/28/2009 <sup>(2)</sup> 10/31/2018	Common Stock	5,883

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Franklin Joshua B C/O CORNERSTONE THERAPEUTICS INC. 1255 CRESCENT GREEN DRIVE, SUITE 250 CARY, NC 27518			VP, Sales and Marketing	

## Signatures

/s/ Josh Franklin

09/14/2009

\*\*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) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$7.49 to \$7.60, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Cornerstone Therapeutics Inc., any security holder of Cornerstone Therapeutics Inc., or the staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote to this Form 4.

(2) Vesting of this option was accelerated, in connection with the closing of the transactions contemplated by the Stock Purchase Agreement, by and among Chiesi Farmaceutici SpA, ("Chiesi") and Cornerstone BioPharma Holdings, Ltd., and other related agreements entered into on May 6, 2009.

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