

METABASIS THERAPEUTICS INC
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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 *
 CASH HARVEY B

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)
 13455 NOEL ROAD, SUITE 1670
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/16/2006

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

DALLAS, TX 75240

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
				Code	V	Amount			
Common Stock	05/16/2006		P	4,464	A	\$ 7.9987	4,464	I	by InterWest Venture Mgmt Co. PSRP fbo Harvey B. Cash
Common Stock	05/18/2006		P	700	A	\$ 8.1	5,164	I	by InterWest Venture Mgmt Co. PSRP fbo

Common Stock	05/19/2006	P	5,000	A	\$ 8.1	10,164	I	Harvey B. Cash by InterWest Venture Mgmt Co. PSRP fbo Harvey B. Cash
Common Stock	05/22/2006	P	39,836	A	\$ 8.0241	50,000	I	by InterWest Venture Mgmt Co. PSRP fbo Harvey B. Cash

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. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 3 and 4)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)				

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CASH HARVEY B 13455 NOEL ROAD SUITE 1670		X		

DALLAS, TX 75240

Signatures

/s/ Harvey B.

05/24/2006

Cash

__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).

Remarks:

Mr. Cash is a Managing Director of InterWest Management Partners VII, LLC, the general partner of InterWest Partners VII,

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