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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Baracchini Edgardo Jr Issuer Symbol METABASIS THERAPEUTICS (Check all applicable) INC [MBRX] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) C/O METABASIS 06/26/2006 Sr. VP, Business Development THERAPEUTICS, INC., 11119 NORTH TORREY PINES ROAD (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting LA JOLLA, CA 92037 Person (City) (Zip) (State)

(City)	(State) (A	Table	I - Non-Do	erivative S	Securi	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D)			•	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial	
(msu. 3)		any (Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	4 and (A) or (D)	5) Price	Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	06/26/2006		S(1)	250	D	\$ 8.35	891	I	See footnote (2)
Common Stock	06/26/2006		S <u>(1)</u>	250	D	\$ 8.35	892	I	See footnote (3)
Common Stock							34,750	I	See footnote (4)

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	e and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	onNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amou	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Under	lying	Security	Secui
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e		Securi	ties	(Instr. 5)	Bene
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					(A) or						Repo
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					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
						Date	Expiration		or		
						Exercisable	Date		Number		
					(1) (B)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Baracchini Edgardo Jr C/O METABASIS THERAPEUTICS, INC. 11119 NORTH TORREY PINES ROAD LA JOLLA, CA 92037

Sr. VP, Business Development

Signatures

/s/ Dan Milles 06/28/2006

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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 sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to an existing sales plan established under Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (2) By the Alexander Baracchini Irrevocable Trust.
- (3) By the Gabriella Baracchini Irrevocable Trust.
- (4) By the Edgardo and Suzanne Baracchini Living Trust dtd 4/22/98

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