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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement CORNERSTONE THERAPEUTICS INC [CRTX] Duarte Ira (Month/Day/Year) 04/01/2010 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) C/O CORNERSTONE (Check all applicable) THERAPEUTICS, 1255 CRESCENT GREEN DRIVE, 10% Owner Director **SUITE 250** _X__ Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Principal Accounting Officer Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person CARY, NCÂ 27518 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 5) Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

3. Title and Amount of 1. Title of Derivative Security 2. Date Exercisable and 5. 6. Nature of Indirect 4. Securities Underlying Conversion Ownership Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year) or Exercise Form of (Instr. 5) Derivative Security (Instr. 4) Price of Derivative Derivative Security:

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Option to Purchase Common Stock (Right to Buy)	(1)	05/31/2019	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 7.28	D	Â
Option to Purchase Common Stock (Right to Buy)	(2)	03/02/2020	Common Stock	8,000	\$ 5.26	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Kelationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Duarte Ira C/O CORNERSTONE THERAPEUTICS 1255 CRESCENT GREEN DRIVE, SUITE 250 CARY, NC 27518	Â	Â	Principal Accounting Officer	Â			

Signatures

/s/ Ira Duarte 04/08/2010

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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) This option vests as to 25% of the original number of shares on June 1, 2010 and as to another 2.09% of the original number of shares at the end of each successive one-month period following June 1, 2010 until June 1, 2013.
- (2) This option vests as to 25% of the original number of shares on March 3, 2011 and as to another 2.09% of the original number of shares at the end of each successive one-month period following March 3, 2011 until March 3, 2014.

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