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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

See Instruction 1(b).

(Middle)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Heffernan Michael Thomas

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

CORNERSTONE THERAPEUTICS

INC [CRTX]

(Check all applicable)

05/22/2013

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

X_ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

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

SUITE 250

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

CARY, NC 27518

(City) (Zip) (State)

(Street)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Price

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or Code V Amount (D) Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 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)

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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
Option to Purchase Common Stock (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.34	05/22/2013		A	15,000	<u>(1)</u>	05/22/2023	Common Stock	15,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
. 9	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Heffernan Michael Thomas C/O CORNERSTONE THERAPEUTICS INC. 1255 CRESCENT GREEN DRIVE, SUITE 250 CARY, NC 27518	X					

Signatures

/s/ Andrew K.W. Powell, attorney in fact for Michael T. Heffernan pursuant to a power of attorney

05/23/2013

**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).
 - Shares subject to these options vest in 12 approximately equal monthly installments with the first installment vesting as of June 22, 2013.
- (1) These options were granted pursuant to the terms of Cornerstone Therapeutics Inc. Amended and Restated Non-Employee Director Compensation and Reimbursement Policy, effective May 18, 2011.

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