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CORTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC/DE/ Form 4 January 22, 2008 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 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 Johnson Steven Andrew Issuer Symbol CORTEX PHARMACEUTICALS (Check all applicable) INC/DE/ [COR] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner X_Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) 15241 BARRANCA PARKWAY 01/18/2008 VP, Preclinical Development (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 **IRVINE, CA 92618** Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial anv (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (I) Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of SEC 1474 information contained in this form are not (9-02)required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB control

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. Number of | 6. Date Exercisable and | 7. Title and Amount of | |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | TransactionDerivative | | Expiration Date | Underlying Securities | |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | Securities | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | |

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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8 | 8) | Acquired (A Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4, 5) | f (D) | | | | |
|--|------------------------------------|------------|------------------|-----------|----|---|-------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount o Number o Shares |
| Options to Purchase Common Stock | \$ 0.54 | 01/18/2008 | | A | | 100,000 | | <u>(1)</u> | 01/18/2018 | Common Stock | 100,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| I B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B B | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Johnson Steven Andrew 15241 BARRANCA PARKWAY IRVINE, CA 92618 | | | VP, Preclinical Development | | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | | |
| Maria S. Messinger, Attorney in fact | 01 | 1/18/2008 | | | | | |

**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 option becomes vested and exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning on January 18, 2009.

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