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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * JOHNSON M ROSS

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

CORTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC/DE/[COR]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

4. If Amendment, Date Original

X_ Director Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year) 15241 BARRANCA PKWY

02/13/2008

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

(Instr. 4)

Person

IRVINE, CA 92618

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(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)

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.

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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 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed 4. 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of TransactionDerivative Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if **Expiration Date Underlying Securities** Conversion or Exercise Code Securities (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3 and 4) Security any

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.		Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 0.86	02/13/2008		A		30,000		<u>(1)</u>	02/13/2018	Common Stock	30,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
JOHNSON M ROSS 15241 BARRANCA PKWY IRVINE, CA 92618	X						

Signatures

Maria S. Messinger, Attorney in fact 02/13/2008

**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 February 13, 2009.

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