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| 1. Name and A Benedik Joł | Address of Reporting Person In F | Symbol CORTEX PHA | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CORTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC/DE/ [COR] | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
| (Last) 15231 BAR | (First) (Middle RANCA PARKWAY | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/13/2009 | | | | X_ Director10% Owner Officer (give titleOther (specify below)below) | | | |
| | (Street) | 4. If Amendment, Filed(Month/Day/Y | Amendment, Date Original d(Month/Day/Year) | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting | | | |
| IRVINE, CA 92618 | | | | | | | | porting | | |
| (City) | (State) (Zip) | Table I - Nor | -Derivative S | Securitie | es Acq | uired, Disposed of | f, or Beneficial | ly Owned | | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | any | | Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/13/2009 | Code P | V Amount 10,500 | A 9 | Price \$ 0.58 | (inst. 5 and 4) 22,500 | D | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/13/2009 | Р | 500 | Λ | \$ 0.59 | 23,000 | D | | | |
| Common Stock | 01/13/2009 | Р | 7,000 | A S | \$ 0.6 | 30,000 | D | | | |

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 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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | 5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | Date | 7. Titl Amou Under Secur (Instr. | int of rlying | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
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| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Benedik John F 15231 BARRANCA PARKWAY IRVINE, CA 92618 | Х | | | | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | | |
| Maria S. Messinger, Attorney in fact | 01/13/2009 | | | | | | |
| **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).

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