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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Tran Pierre V

(Last)

IRVINE, CA

(City)

1(b).

Symbol

CORTEX PHARMACEUTICALS INC/DE/[COR]

(First) (Middle)

15231 BARRANCA PKWY 08/22/2009

(Street)

(State)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

3.

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 3)

Execution Date, if (Month/Day/Year)

(Zip)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(A)

4. Securities

Securities Beneficially Owned

Following Reported Transaction(s)

Issuer

below)

Person

5. Amount of

Director

Applicable Line)

X_ Officer (give title

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

Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of

10% Owner

Other (specify

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Chief Medical Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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

below)

Estimated average

burden hours per

(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)

1. Title of Derivative Security

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3) Price of (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) Derivative or Disposed of Security (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) Code V (A) (D) Date Expiration Title Amount Exercisable Date orNumber of Shares **Options** to Common (1) 08/22/2019 \$ 0.2 08/22/2009 A 50,000 50,000 Purchase Stock Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Tran Pierre V

15231 BARRANCA PKWY Chief Medical Officer

IRVINE, CA

Signatures

Maria S. Messinger, Attorney in fact 08/24/2009

**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).
- (1) The option becomes vested and exercisable in three equal annual installments beginning on August 22, 2010.

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