#### CRITICAL THERAPEUTICS INC

Form 4

Common

Stock

November 04, 2008

| FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EVCHANCE COMMISSION   |                        |       |   |  |                                     |  |       |   | OMB APPROVAL   |  |                     |  |  |
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| STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).  STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES  Estimated averaburden hours presponse  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 |                        |       |   |  |                                     |  |       |   |  | average<br>irs per   |                     |  |  |
| (Print or Type Re   | esponses)              |       |   |  |                                     |  |       |   |  |  |                     |  |  |
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Phillips Trevor   |                        |       | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading<br>Symbol<br>CRITICAL THERAPEUTICS INC<br>[CRTX] |  |                                     |  |       | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to<br>Issuer  (Check all applicable) |  |  |                     |  |  |
| (Mon  |                        |       |   | Date of Earliest Transaction onth/Day/Year) /31/2008 |                                     |  |       |   | Director 10% OwnerX_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) Former President & CEO  |  |                     |  |  |
|   |                        |       |   | ndment, Date Original<br>hth/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 Person |  |                     |  |  |
| (City)  | (State)                | (Zip) | Table   | : I - Non-I  | Derivativ                           | e Sec  | uriti | es Acc  | quired, Disposed of  | f, or Beneficial   | lly Owned           |  |  |
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)  | any                    |       |   | 3.<br>Transacti<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8)                | 4. SectionAcqui<br>Dispo<br>(Instr. | 4. Securities onAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)  (A) or Amount (D) Price |       |   | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)  | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) |                     |  |  |
| Common<br>Stock   | 10/31/2008             |       |   | F(1)   | 507                                 | <u>2)</u> D  | ) (   | \$<br>3.9<br>(3)  | 7,754 (2)  | 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 | 2.          | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed         | 4.         | 5.         | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and     | 7. Title           | and    | 8. Price of | 9. Nu  |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative  | Conversion  | (Month/Day/Year)    | Execution Date, if | Transactio | orNumber   | Expiration D  | ation Date      |                    | t of   | Derivative  | Deriv  |
| Security    | or Exercise |                     | any                | Code       | of         | (Month/Day/   | Year)           | Underly            | ing    | Security    | Secui  |
| (Instr. 3)  | Price of    |                     | (Month/Day/Year)   | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e             |                 | Securitie          | es     | (Instr. 5)  | Bene   |
|             | Derivative  |                     |                    |            | Securities |               |                 | (Instr. 3          | and 4) |             | Own    |
|             | Security    |                     |                    |            | Acquired   |               |                 |                    |        |             | Follo  |
|             | •           |                     |                    |            | (A) or     |               |                 |                    |        |             | Repo   |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | Disposed   |               |                 |                    |        |             | Trans  |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | of (D)     |               |                 |                    |        |             | (Instr |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | (Instr. 3, |               |                 |                    |        |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |            | 4, and 5)  |               |                 |                    |        |             |        |
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|             |             |                     |                    |            |            |               |                 |                    | mount  |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |            | Date          | Expiration Date | or<br>Title Numbor |        |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    |            |            | Exercisable   |                 |                    |        |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    | C + V      | (A) (D)    |               |                 |                    |        |             |        |
|             |             |                     |                    | Code V     | (A) (D)    |               |                 | S                  | hares  |             |        |

## **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Officer Other Director 10% Owner

Phillips Trevor C/O CRITICAL THERAPEUTICS, INC. **60 WESTVIEW STREET** LEXINGTON, MA 02421

Former President & CEO

### **Signatures**

/s/ Trevor 11/04/2008 **Phillips** 

Date \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

# **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).

Pursuant to a tax withholding right approved by the Company's board of directors, the reporting person satisfied his tax withholding obligations upon the vesting of restricted stock granted to him on December 27, 2006 through a deemed disposition to the Company of a

- (1) portion of the restricted shares that vested upon termination of his employment following the "change in control" of the Company in connection with the merger with Cornerstone BioPharma Holdings, Inc. The Company deducted and retained these shares from the number of restricted shares that vested.
- On October 31, 2008, the common stock of Critical Therapeutics, Inc. was the subject of a 1-for-10 reverse stock split, resulting in a reduction to the reporting person's ownership of common stock to reflect such reverse stock split.
- (3) Price adjusted to reflect reverse stock split

Represents shares held by the children of the reporting person who share the reporting person's household. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein. This report should not be deemed an admission that the reporting person is the beneficial owner of these shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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