

CRITICAL THERAPEUTICS INC  
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**FORM 4**

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

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 MCEWAN ALASTAIR STUART

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 CRITICAL THERAPEUTICS INC  
 [CRTX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 10/31/2008

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

C/O CORNERSTONE  
 THERAPEUTICS INC., 2000  
 REGENCY PARKWAY SUITE 255

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

CARY, NC 27518

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (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)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	

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)**

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock (Right to Buy)	\$ 0.43	10/31/2008		A		83,329		10/31/2008	09/26/2015	Common Stock	83,329
Option to Purchase Common Stock (Right to Buy)	\$ 0.43	10/31/2008		A		11,904		10/31/2008	08/01/2015	Common Stock	11,904
Option to Purchase Common Stock (Right to Buy)	\$ 0.43	10/31/2008		A		23,808		10/31/2008	08/01/2015	Common Stock	23,808
Option to Purchase Common Stock (Right to Buy)	\$ 0.43	10/31/2008		A		119,041		10/31/2008	08/01/2015	Common Stock	119,041
Option to Purchase Common Stock (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.77	10/31/2008		A		119,041		<u>(5)</u>	03/16/2017	Common Stock	119,041
Option to Purchase Common Stock (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.9	10/31/2008		A		11,904		<u>(7)</u>	10/31/2018	Common Stock	11,904

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCEWAN ALASTAIR STUART C/O CORNERSTONE THERAPEUTICS INC. 2000 REGENCY PARKWAY SUITE 255 CARY, NC 27518	X			

## Signatures

/s/ David Price, attorney in fact for Alastair S. McEwan pursuant to a power of attorney

11/03/2008

\_\_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) Received in the merger (the "Merger") of Neptune Acquisition Corp., a wholly owned subsidiary of Critical Therapeutics, Inc., into Cornerstone BioPharma Holdings, Inc. ("CBPHI") in exchange for stock options to acquire 350,000 shares of CBPHI common stock for \$0.10 per share based on an exchange ratio of 0.2380837.
  - (2) Received in the Merger in exchange for stock options to acquire 50,000 shares of CBPHI common stock for \$0.10 per share based on an exchange ratio of 0.2380837.
  - (3) Received in the Merger in exchange for stock options to acquire 100,000 shares of CBPHI common stock for \$0.10 per share based on an exchange ratio of 0.2380837.
  - (4) Received in the Merger in exchange for stock options to acquire 500,000 shares of CBPHI common stock for \$0.10 per share based on an exchange ratio of 0.2380837.
  - (5) The vesting schedule for this option award is 25% on March 16, 2008, 25% on March 16, 2009, 25% on March 16, 2010, and 25% on March 16, 2011.
  - (6) Received in the Merger in exchange for stock options to acquire 500,000 shares of CBPHI common stock for \$0.42 per share based on an exchange ratio of 0.2380837.
  - (7) The vesting schedule for this option award is 25% on March 15, 2009, 25% on March 15, 2010, 25% on March 15, 2011, and 25% on March 15, 2012.
  - (8) Received in the Merger in exchange for stock options to acquire 50,000 shares of CBPHI common stock for \$0.93 per share based on an exchange ratio of 0.2380837.

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