

Franklin Joshua B
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Franklin Joshua B

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

CORNERSTONE THERAPEUTICS
INC [CRTX]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O CORNERSTONE
THERAPEUTICS INC., 1255
CRESCENT GREEN DRIVE,
SUITE 250

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
08/24/2012

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
VP, Strategy & Bus. Dev.

CARY, NC 27518

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

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

(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)
Common Stock	08/24/2012		M	24,688	A \$ 3.9 45,632	D	
Common Stock	08/24/2012		S	24,688	D \$ 7.01 20,944	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. 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 or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.9	08/24/2012		M		24,688		07/28/2009 ⁽²⁾	10/31/2018	Common Stock	24,688

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Franklin Joshua B C/O CORNERSTONE THERAPEUTICS INC. 1255 CRESCENT GREEN DRIVE, SUITE 250 CARY, NC 27518	VP, Strategy & Bus. Dev.

Signatures

/s/ Josh Franklin 08/28/2012

Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$7.00 to \$7.08, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to Cornerstone Therapeutics Inc., any security holder of Cornerstone Therapeutics Inc., or the staff of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote to this Form 4.

(2) Vesting of this option was accelerated, in connection with the closing of the transactions contemplated by the Stock Purchase Agreement, by and among Chiesi Farmaceutici SpA, ("Chiesi") and Cornerstone BioPharma Holdings, Ltd., and other related agreements entered into on May 6, 2009.

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