Zwerling M Cory Form 4 October 27, 2006

### FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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**SECURITIES** Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue.

See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* Zwerling M Cory

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

CRITICAL THERAPEUTICS INC

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

[CRTX]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

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

X\_ Director Officer (give title below)

10% Owner Other (specify

21 HUTCHINS ROAD

10/25/2006

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

\_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

CARLISLE, MA 01741

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I)

Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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 Conversion

or Exercise

Security

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 Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr.	8)	Acquired (ADisposed of (Instr. 3, 4, 5)	f (D)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount o Number o Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock (Right to Buy)	\$ 2.63	05/25/2006		A		200,000		<u>(1)</u>	10/24/2016	Common Stock	200,000

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Zwerling M Cory							
21 HUTCHINS ROAD	X						
CARLISLE, MA 01741							

# **Signatures**

/s/ Scott B. Townsend, Attorney-in-Fact for M. Cory Zwerling Pursuant to Power of Attorney

10/27/2006

\*\*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).
- This option vests in 36 equal monthly installments beginning on November 25, 2006, subject to the acceleration of 50% of Mr. Zwerling's unvested options outstanding at the time of a change of control or the consummation of specified transactions, each as set forth in Mr. Zwerling's consulting agreement.
- (2) Not applicable.

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