

Duarte Ira
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Duarte Ira		(Month/Day/Year)	CORNERSTONE THERAPEUTICS INC [CRTX]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	04/01/2010	
C/O CORNERSTONE THERAPEUTICS, Â 1255 CRESCENT GREEN DRIVE, SUITE 250			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(Street)	(Check all applicable)			
			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
			(give title below) (specify below)	
			Principal Accounting Officer	
			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

CARY, Â NC Â 27518

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Option to Purchase Common Stock (Right to Buy)	Â (1)	05/31/2019	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 7.28	D	Â
Option to Purchase Common Stock (Right to Buy)	Â (2)	03/02/2020	Common Stock	8,000	\$ 5.26	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Duarte Ira C/O CORNERSTONE THERAPEUTICS 1255 CRESCENT GREEN DRIVE, SUITE 250 CARY, NC 27518	Â	Â	Â	Principal Accounting Officer	Â
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Signatures

/s/ Ira Duarte 04/08/2010

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) This option vests as to 25% of the original number of shares on June 1, 2010 and as to another 2.09% of the original number of shares at the end of each successive one-month period following June 1, 2010 until June 1, 2013.
- (2) This option vests as to 25% of the original number of shares on March 3, 2011 and as to another 2.09% of the original number of shares at the end of each successive one-month period following March 3, 2011 until March 3, 2014.

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