Powell Andrew Kenneth William Form 4 April 03, 2012

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Powell Andrew Kenneth William

(First)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

CORNERSTONE THERAPEUTICS

(Check all applicable)

INC [CRTX]

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/29/2012

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

EVP, General Counsel

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

> (Street) 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 Form filed by More than One Reporting

CARY, NC 27518

(City) (Zip) (State)

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

Price

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

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

any

(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 Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) or Code V Amount (D) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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)	\$ 5.74	02/29/2012		A	50,000	<u>(1)</u>	02/28/2022	Common Stock	50,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Powell Andrew Kenneth William C/O CORNERSTONE THERAPEUTICS 1255 CRESCENT GREEN DRIVE, SUITE 250 CARY, NC 27518

EVP, General Counsel

Signatures

/s/ Andrew K. W. 04/03/2012 Powell

**Signature of Reporting 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) Shares subject to these options vest as to 25% of such shares on the first anniversary of the date of grant and as to the remaining shares in 36 approximately equal monthly installments beginning one month thereafter.

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