CAPRICOR THERAPEUTICS, INC.

Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Ascheim Deborah

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

CAPRICOR THERAPEUTICS, INC. [CAPR]

Issuer (Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

below) 09/18/2015

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

CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

C/O CAPRICOR THERAPEUTICS. INC., 8840 WILSHIRE BLVD, 2ND **FLOOR**

(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

BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90211

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A) Code V Amount (D) Price

Reported 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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transacti	5. Number of onDerivative	of 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities		
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month Day) Tear)	(Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day r)	*		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 4.34	09/18/2015		A	130,000	<u>(1)</u>	09/18/2025	Common Stock	130,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Ascheim Deborah C/O CAPRICOR THERAPEUTICS, INC. 8840 WILSHIRE BLVD, 2ND FLOOR BEVERLY HILLS, CA 90211

CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

Signatures

/s/ Linda Marban, as
Attorney-in-Fact
09/21/2015

**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).

25% of the shares subject to the stock option award shall vest on September 1, 2016 and the balance shall vest at the rate of 1/36 per month on the first day of each month thereafter, until the stock option becomes fully vested and exercisable. However, the option is subject to early exercise and, therefore, all or any part of the option can be exercised at any time. If the Reporting Person elects to take advantage of the early exercise feature and purchase shares prior to the vesting of such shares, the shares will be deemed restricted stock and will be subject to a repurchase option in favor of the Registrant if the Reporting Person's service to the Registrant terminates prior to vesting.

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