

Townsend Scott B  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Townsend Scott 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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/14/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
GENERAL COUNSEL and EVP LEGAL

C/O CORNERSTONE THERAPEUTICS INC., 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)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

CARY, NC 27518

(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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	05/14/2009		S		26,372	D	\$ 6.41 <u>(1)</u>
Common Stock	05/15/2009		S		13,000	D	\$ 6.63 <u>(2)</u>
Common Stock	05/18/2009		S		5,600	D	\$ 6.5 <u>(3)</u>

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

Table with 10 columns: 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), 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5), 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 6). Includes sub-headers for Date Exercisable, Expiration Date, Title, and Amount or Number of Shares.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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1255 CRESCENT GREEN DRIVE, SUITE 250
CARY, NC 27518

GENERAL COUNSEL and EVP LEGAL

Signatures

/s/ Scott B. 05/18/2009
Townsend

\*\*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).
The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$6.20 to \$6.65, 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.

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The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$6.55 to \$6.74, 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.

- (3) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$6.31 to \$6.6925, 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.

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