Mast Therapeutics, Inc.

Form 4 June 21, 2013

FORM 4

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

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may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Shuster Lewis

(Last)

(City)

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

(First) (Middle)

(Zip)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

12390 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE

150

(Street)

(State)

(Month/Day/Year)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92130

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

Mast Therapeutics, Inc. [MSTX]

(Month/Day/Year) 06/19/2013

4. If Amendment, Date Original

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

3. 4. Securities

Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Month/Day/Year)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A) or

Code V Amount (D) Price

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

below) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Reported

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

5. Amount of 7. Nature of 6. Ownership Securities Form: Direct Indirect Beneficially (D) or Indirect Beneficial Owned (I) Ownership Following

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

(Instr. 4) (Instr. 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)

1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

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 8 **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8	or Dispo (D) (Instr. 3, and 5)	posed of 3, 4,				
				Code	V (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to	\$ 0.5	06/19/2013		A	62,451		<u>(1)</u>	06/19/2023	Common Stock	62,451

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
•	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Shuster Lewis 12390 EL CAMINO REAL, SUITE 150 SAN DIEGO, CA 92130	X					

Signatures

/s/ Patrick L. Keran, Attorney-in-Fact for Lewis J.
Shuster 06/21/2013

**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).
- (1) This option vests and becomes exercisable in 12 substantially equal monthly installments on each monthly anniversary of June 19, 2013, subject to the reporting person's continued service with the issuer.

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