

CRITICAL THERAPEUTICS INC

Form 4

November 04, 2008

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Esgro George Arthur

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O CORNERSTONE
THERAPEUTICS INC., 2000
REGENCY PARKWAY SUITE 255

(Street)

CARY, NC 27518

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol

CRITICAL THERAPEUTICS INC
[CRTX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
10/31/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
Vice President Sales

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price

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. 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. Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.9	10/31/2008		A	71,425	<u>(1)</u> 10/31/2018	Common Stock	71,425

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Esgro George Arthur C/O CORNERSTONE THERAPEUTICS INC. 2000 REGENCY PARKWAY SUITE 255 CARY, NC 27518			Vice President Sales	

Signatures

/s/ David Price, attorney in fact for George A. Esgro pursuant to a power of attorney 11/03/2008

__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) The vesting schedule for this option award is 25% on February 8, 2009, 25% on February 8, 2010, 25% on February 8, 2011, and 25% on February 8, 2012.

(2) Received in the merger (the "Merger") of Neptune Acquisition Corp., a wholly owned subsidiary of Critical Therapeutics, Inc., into Cornerstone BioPharma Holdings, Inc. ("CBPHI") in exchange for stock options to acquire 300,000 shares of CBPHI common stock for \$0.93 per share based on an exchange ratio of 0.2380837.

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