

CORNERSTONE THERAPEUTICS INC  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| <p>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</p> <p>Â Franklin Joshua B</p> <p>(Last) (First) (Middle)</p> <p>C/O CORNERSTONE THERAPEUTICS INC., Â 1255 CRESCENT GREEN DRIVE, SUITE 250</p> <p>(Street)</p> <p>CARY, Â NC Â 27518</p> <p>(City) (State) (Zip)</p> | <p>2. Date of Event Requiring Statement</p> <p>(Month/Day/Year)</p> <p>12/10/2008</p> | <p>3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</p> <p>CORNERSTONE THERAPEUTICS INC [CRTX]</p> | <p>4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</p> <p>(Check all applicable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>(give title below) (specify below)</p> <p>VP, Sales and Marketing</p> | <p>5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)</p> | <p>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</p> |
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

| 1. Title of Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security<br>(Instr. 4) | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |
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|  | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title        | Amount or Number of Shares | Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) |
|--|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|----------|---------------------------------------|
| Option to Purchase Common Stock (Right to Buy) | Â (1)            | 10/31/2018      | Common Stock | 71,425                     | \$ 3.9   | D Â                                   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                           |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                   | Other |
| Franklin Joshua B<br>C/O CORNERSTONE THERAPEUTICS INC.<br>1255 CRESCENT GREEN DRIVE, SUITE 250<br>CARY, NC 27518 | Â             | Â         | Â VP, Sales and Marketing | Â     |

## Signatures

/s/ Joshua B. Franklin  
12/17/2008  
Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(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 September 29, 2009, 25% on September 29, 2010, 25% on September 29, 2011, and 25% on September 29, 2012.

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