

CODEANNE CHRISTOPHER GEORGE  
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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 \*  
 CODEANNE CHRISTOPHER GEORGE

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O CORNERSTONE THERAPEUTICS INC., 1255 CRESCENT GREEN DRIVE, SUITE 250

(Street)

CARY, NC 27518

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 CORNERSTONE THERAPEUTICS INC [CRTX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/22/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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**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)		
				(A) or (D)	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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.11	05/22/2012		A	15,000	(1) 05/22/2022	Common Stock	15,000

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

CODEANNE CHRISTOPHER GEORGE  
 C/O CORNERSTONE THERAPEUTICS INC.  
 1255 CRESCENT GREEN DRIVE, SUITE 250  
 CARY, NC 27518

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## Signatures

/s/ Andrew Powell, attorney in fact for Chris Codeanne pursuant to a power of attorney

05/23/2012

\_\_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).

Shares subject to these options vest in 12 approximately equal monthly installments with the first installment vesting as of June 22, 2012.

(1) These options were granted pursuant to the terms of Cornerstone Therapeutics Inc. Amended and Restated Non-Employee Director Compensation and Reimbursement Policy, effective May 18, 2011.

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