

METABASIS THERAPEUTICS INC  
Form SC 13D/A  
February 02, 2010

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
SCHEDULE 13D  
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
(Amendment No. 1)\***

**METABASIS THERAPEUTICS, INC.**

(Name of Issuer)

**Common Stock**

(Title of Class of Securities)

**59101M 10 5**

(CUSIP Number)

**Luke Evnin**

**MPM Asset Management**

**The John Hancock Tower**

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**Telephone: (617) 425-9200**

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person  
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

**January 27, 2010**

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of This Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of §§240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box.

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\* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

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Delaware

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NUMBER OF 0

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Introductory Note: This Amendment No. 1 to Schedule 13D (this Amendment No. 1) amends and supplements the Schedule 13D originally filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) on February 13, 2006 (the Original Schedule 13D). The entities filing this statement are MPM BioVentures II-QP, L.P., MPM BioVentures II, L.P., MPM Asset Management Investors 2000B LLC, MPM BioVentures GmbH & Co. Parallel-Beteiligungs KG, MPM Asset Management II, L.P. and MPM Asset Management II, LLC (collectively, the MPM Entities). The Original Schedule 13D, as amended by this Amendment No. 1 (the Schedule 13D), relates to the common stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the Common Stock), of Metabasis Therapeutics, Inc. (the Issuer). The Issuer's principal executive office is located at 9390 Towne Centre Drive, San Diego, CA 92121.

#### **Item 4. Purpose of Transaction**

Item 4 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and supplemented by adding the following at the end thereof: On October 26, 2009, Ligand Pharmaceuticals Incorporated (Ligand), the Issuer and Moonstone Acquisition, Inc., a Delaware corporation and wholly-owned subsidiary of Ligand (Merger Sub) entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the Original Merger Agreement) pursuant to which Merger Sub was to, subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions therein, merge with and into the Issuer, the separate corporate existence of Merger Sub was to cease and the Issuer was to be the successor or surviving corporation of the merger (the Merger), and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ligand. The parties to the Original Merger Agreement entered into an amendment to the Merger Agreement on November 25, 2009, and the Original Merger Agreement, as amended, is referred to herein as the Merger Agreement.

In connection with the Merger, Ligand was to issue to Issuer stockholders cash equal to \$3.2 million minus Issuer's net cash liabilities (as defined) at the time of the closing of the Merger, and further less \$150,000 to be deposited to provide the initial funding for the Issuer's stockholders' representative (the Closing Payment). In addition, the Issuer's stockholders were to receive one contingent value right (CVR) of each of four series of CVRs, which entitle the holder to receive cash payments upon the occurrence of certain events, generally including sale or license transactions for drug development programs owned by the Issuer and/or a shortfall in performance of Ligand's post-Merger funding commitments for such programs.

Upon the consummation of the Merger, (i) the Issuer was to be acquired by and become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ligand and (ii) each Share was to be converted into the right to receive a pro rata allocation of the Closing Payment, and a pro rata allocation of the CVRs.

Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, on January 27, 2010, the Merger was completed and Merger Sub merged with and into the Issuer, and the Issuer is now a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ligand. In the Merger, each issued and outstanding share of the Issuer's Common Stock (including all shares of the Issuer's Common Stock held by the MPM Entities) was converted into the right to receive \$0.045741 in cash and one CVR of each of the four series of CVRs. Pursuant to the terms of the Merger Agreement, the Issuer agreed to use reasonable best efforts to enter into agreements with the holders of outstanding Issuer warrants to terminate and cancel all such warrants (including all warrants held by the MPM Entities), effective immediately before the effective time of the Merger, without any payment or liability on the part of the Issuer. The MPM Entities did not enter into such agreements and therefore they retain the right to exercise such warrants, which in the aggregate represent the right to purchase 70,538 shares of the Issuer's Common Stock, on or before their expiration or termination date, which is April 16, 2013. If such warrants are exercised before their expiration or termination date, then Ligand shall issue and pay in respect of each such exercised Issuer warrants, on a per-exercised-share basis, equivalent consideration as was paid in respect of each issued and outstanding share of the Issuer's Common Stock in the Merger.

#### **Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer**

Items 5 of the Original Schedule 13D is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

(a) As a result of the Merger, as of the date hereof none of the MPM Entities has beneficial ownership of any of the Issuer's securities.

(b) None of the MPM Entities has sole or shared power to vote or dispose, or to direct the disposition or the vote of, any shares of the Issuer's Common Stock.

(c) Except as described herein, none of the MPM Entities, to the knowledge of the MPM Entities, has effected any transactions in the Common Stock during the past 60 days.

(d) No other person is known by the MPM Entities to have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by the MPM Entities.

(e) Not applicable.

**Item 7. Material to Be Filed as Exhibits**

- A. Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of October 26, 2009, among Ligand Pharmaceuticals Incorporated, Moonstone Acquisition Inc., and Metabasis Therapeutics, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Ligand Pharmaceuticals Incorporated with the SEC on October 28, 2009).
- B. Amendment to Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of November 25, 2009, among Ligand Pharmaceuticals Incorporated, Moonstone Acquisition Inc., Metabasis Therapeutics, Inc. and David F. Hale as Stockholders Representative (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed by Ligand Pharmaceuticals Incorporated with the SEC on November 25, 2009).
- C. Agreement regarding filing of joint Schedule 13D/A.

Signatures

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 1, 2010

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By: MPM Asset Management II, L.P.,  
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By: MPM Asset Management II LLC,  
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By: /s/ Luke Evnin

Name:

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**Exhibit C**  
**Joint Filing Statement**

I, the undersigned, hereby express my agreement that the attached Schedule 13D (and any amendments thereto) relating to the beneficial ownership by the undersigned of the equity securities of Metabasis Pharmaceuticals, Inc. is filed on behalf of each of the undersigned.

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