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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Marban Linda</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O CAPRICOR THERAPEUTICS, INC.</u> <u>10865 ROAD TO THE CURE, SUITE 150</u>  (Street) <u>SAN DIEGO CA 92121</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CAPRICOR THERAPEUTICS, INC. [ CAPR ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/12/2023</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication <input type="checkbox"/> Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.

**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	05/12/2023		M		20,749 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$1.39	198,604 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	

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

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$1.39	05/12/2023		M			41,497 <sup>(1)</sup>	<sup>(3)</sup>	05/14/2023	Common Stock	0	0	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Half of the shares of Common Stock acquired upon exercise of this option were delivered to the Reporting Person's ex-spouse pursuant to a domestic relations order, which transaction is exempt from Section 16 pursuant to Rule 16a-12 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). The Reporting Person no longer reports as beneficially owned any securities owned by her ex-spouse.
- This figure reflects the acquisition of 132,060 shares of Common Stock from the Reporting Person's ex-spouse pursuant to a domestic relations order, which acquisition is exempt from Section 16 pursuant to Rule 16a-12 under the Exchange Act. The Reporting Person no longer reports as beneficially owned any securities owned by her ex-spouse.
- The stock option award is fully vested and exercisable.

/s/ Linda Marban

05/16/2023

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* 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).

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