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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Marban Linda (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CAPRICOR THERAPEUTICS, INC. 8840 WILSHIRE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR (Street) BEVERLY HILLS CA 90211 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CAPRICOR THERAPEUTICS, INC. [CAPR] Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/27/2020 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | ationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specificable)) CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER Avidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable L Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Per | | | | R able Line) |
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| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. To Date | | | | 2. Transac Date (Month/Da | Execution Date, | | 3. 4. Secur Transaction Code (Instr. | | rities Acquired (A) or and Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| Common Stock | | | | 07/27/2 | 2020 | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) o (D) | Pric | \$3.7 | (Instr. 3 and | | | D ⁽¹⁾ | |
| Common Stock 07 | | | | 07/27/2 | 7/2020 | | F ⁽²⁾ | | 15,6 | 52 D | \$9 | 0.81 ⁽²⁾ | 46,715 | | D ⁽¹⁾ | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 309, | 915 | | I ⁽³⁾ | By spouse. |
| 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 Dat if any (Month/Day/Ye | Code | Transaction Code (Instr. | | Derivative | | 6. Date Exercisal Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year | | 7. Title and Amou Securities Underly Derivative Securit 3 and 4) | | ng | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported | Owne Form: Direct or Ind (I) (Ins | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | | Date Exercisable | | piration | Title | | unt or ber of es | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$3.7 ⁽⁴⁾ | 07/27/2020 | | М | | | 41,497 | (5) | 09 | 09/01/2020 Common Stock 41 | | 41, | 497(4) | \$0 | | 0 | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. 920 shares of the Issuer's common stock are held by the Reporting Person in joint tenancy with her spouse.
- 2. Represents a "net exercise" of outstanding stock options. These shares were withheld by the Issuer for payment of the exercise price, based on the closing market price of the Issuer's common stock on July 27, 2020 of \$9.81. The options would otherwise expire on September 1, 2020, pursuant to their terms.
- 3. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities, in that she has no power to vote or to direct the voting of these securities, nor does she have the power to dispose of or to direct the disposition of these securities. This report shall not be deemed a disclaimer of any community interest of the Reporting Person in such securities.
- 4. This option was previously reported as covering 414,971 shares at an exercise price of \$0.37 per share, but was adjusted to reflect a 1-for-10 reverse stock split that occurred on June 4, 2019.
- 5. 25% of the shares of common stock subject to this option vested immediately. 20% of the remaining shares of common stock subject to this option vested on each of September 1, 2011, September 1, 2012, September 1, 2013, January 1, 2014, and January 1, 2015.

<u>/s/ Linda Marban</u> <u>07/29/2020</u>

** 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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