FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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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 * SCHAFER GREGORY W | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CAPRICOR THERAPEUTICS, INC. [CAPR] | | | | | | | | | tionship of R all applicabl Director | | erson(| s) to Issuer 10% Ow | ner | | |
|---|---|--|---|--|---|------|--|-----------------------------|--|--------|------------------------|--------|--|-------------------------------------|--|---|--------|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | 1) | Middle) | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/09/2014 | | | | | | | | Officer (gi below) | ve title | | Other (s below) | pecify | | |
| | | APEUTICS, INC ., 2ND FLOOR | C. | | 4. If | Amer | ndment, D | ate of O | riginal File | d (Mc | onth/Day/Y | ear) | | 6. Indiv | | by One R | eporti | ng Person | <i>'</i> |
| (Street) BEVERLY H | IILLS CA | 9 | 0211 | | | | | | | | | | | | Form filed | l by More t | than O | ne Reportinç | g Person |
| (City) | (State | e) (Z | Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Т | able I - Nor | n-Deri | ivativ | ve S | ecuritie | s Acc | quired, l | Disp | osed of | , or B | Benefic | ially Ow | ned | | | | |
| 1. Title of Secur | ity (Instr. 3) | | | 2. Tran Date (Month | | | 2A. Deen Execution if any (Month/D | n Date, | 3. Transac Code (In 8) | | 4. Securit Disposed | | | | 5. Amount Securities Beneficially Following F | Owned Reported | Form | Direct (D) irect (I) 4) | r. Nature of ndirect Beneficial Dwnership Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction (Instr. 3 and | | | | (instr. 4) |
| | | | Table II - I | | | | | | | | sed of, c | | | | ed | | | | |
| 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/Ye | Co | ansact de (Ins | | 5. Number Derivative Securities Acquired or Dispos (D) (Instrand 5) | re es I (A) sed of | 6. Date Exe Expiration (Month/Da | Date | | Securi | | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported | lly | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Co | ode | v | (A) | | Date Exercisabl | | Expiration Date | Title | | Amount or Number of Shares | | Transaction (Instr. 4) | on(S) | | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$4.6 | 05/09/2014 | | | A | | 83,661 | | 05/09/2014 | .(1) 0 | 5/09/2024 | | nmon ock | 83,661 | \$0 | 83,661 | 1 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. The option was granted on 5/9/2014 and vesting commences on June 1, 2014. The option vests in 48 equal consecutive monthly installments until the option becomes fully vested and exercisable. However, the option is subject to early exercise and, therefore, all or any part of the option can be exercised at any time. If the reporting person elects to take advantage of the early exercise feature and purchase shares prior to the vesting of such shares, the shares will be deemed restricted stock and will be subject to a repurchase option in favor of the Registrant if the reporting person's service to the Registrant terminates prior to vesting.

Remarks:

Exhibit 24 - Power of Attorney

/s/ Karen G. Krasney, as Attorney in Fact 05/15/2014

** 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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Linda Marbán or Karen Krasney, or either of them acting singly and with full power of substitution, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent to:

- 1. execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer, director and/or holder of 10% or more of a registered class of securities of Capricor Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4 and 5 (and any amendments thereto) in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and the rules promulgated thereunder;
- 2. do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned that may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Forms 3, 4 and 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such forms or amendments with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and any securities exchange or similar authority, including without limitation the filing of a Form ID or any other documents necessary or appropriate to enable the undersigned to file the Forms 3, 4 and 5 electronically with the SEC; and
- 3. take any other action of any nature whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of any such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by or for, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever required, necessary or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted.

The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request and on the behalf of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with, or any liability for the failure to comply with, any provision of Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect with respect to the undersigned until the earliest to occur of (a) such date that the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, and (b) the revocation by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the Company and each of the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 26 day of November, 2013.

| /s/ Gregory W. Schafer | | |
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| Signature | | |
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| Gregory W. Schafer | | |
| Print Name | | |
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