FORM 4

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* <u>Thompson Tamar</u> | | | | | <u>C</u> | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CATALYST PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. CPRX | | | | | | | eck all applic | or , | | 10% Ow | ner | |
|--|---|--|-------------|-----------------|---|---|---|--------|--|--------------------|---|--|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 355 ALHAMBRA CIRCLE | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/08/2023 | | | | | | | Officer below) | (give title | | Other (specification) | pecify | |
| SUITE 801 | | | | | 4.1 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | Line | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| (Street) CORAL GABLES | FI FI | _ | 33134 | | | | | 4 () | | | | | | led by More | | one Report | | |
| (City) | (Si | ate) | (Zip) | | | Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Ins | | | | | | nt to a contr e Instruction | contract, instruction or written plan that is intended to action 10. | | | | | |
| | | Tab | le I - Non | -Deriv | vativ | e Se | curities | Ac | quired, Di | sposed c | of, or Bei | neficiall | y Owned | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Trans Date (Month/I | | | | Execution Date, | | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4) 5) | | | | | es For ally (D) Following (I) (| | : Direct C Indirect E str. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | (Instr. 4) | | |
| 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) | Execution D | | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 3) | | of | | 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 derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | ly | 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 | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | | |
| Options to purchase common stock | \$14.15 | 12/08/2023 | | | A | | 29,524 | | (1) | 12/08/2030 | Common Stock | 29,524 | \$0 | 69,524 | | D | | |
| Restricted Stock Units | (2) | 12/08/2023 | | | A | | 4,240 | | (1) | (3) | Common Stock | 4,240 | \$0 | 73,764 | | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Derivative securities vest in equal tranches, 1/3rd on December 8, 2024, 1/3rd on December 8, 2025 and 1/3rd on December 8, 2026.
- 2. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Registrant's common stock upon vesting.
- 3. Shares of common stock will be delivered to the Reporting Person upon vesting.

/s/ Tamar Thompson

12/12/2023

** 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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