

ESPERION THERAPEUTICS, INC.

Reported by
BARTRAM RICHARD

FORM 3

(Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership)

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Address	3891 RANCHERO DRIVE, SUITE 150 ANN ARBOR, MI, 48108
Telephone	734-887-3903
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SIC Code	2834 - Pharmaceutical Preparations
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (MM/DD/YYYY)		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		
Bartram Richard			12/14/2017		Esperion Therapeutics, Inc. [ESPR]		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
C/O ESPERION THERAPEUTICS, INC., 3891 RANCHERO DRIVE, SUITE 150			<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Chief Financial Officer /				
(Street)			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
ANN ARBOR, MI 48108					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)					

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	1200	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (MM/DD/YYYY)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	4/24/2018	Common Stock	17892	\$3.70	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	7/23/2023	Common Stock	15000	\$17.11	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	12/20/2023	Common Stock	17200	\$12.92	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	(3)	1/2/2025	Common Stock	30000	\$41.23	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	(4)	3/18/2025	Common Stock	12000	\$105.72	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	(5)	1/4/2026	Common Stock	25000	\$21.65	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	(6)	1/3/2027	Common Stock	30000	\$12.88	D	
Stock Option (right to buy)	(7)	2/21/2027	Common Stock	6500	\$24.42	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The options are fully vested as of the date hereof.
- (2) The options vest over a four (4) year period. 25% of the shares vested on December 20, 2014, and an additional 1/16th vests on each quarterly anniversary of such date thereafter.
- (3) The options vest over a four (4) year period in equal quarterly installments, the first of which was on April 2, 2015.
- (4) The options vest over a four (4) year period in equal quarterly installments, the first of which was on June 18, 2015.
- (5) The options vest over a four (4) year period in equal quarterly installments, the first of which was on April 4, 2016.
- (6) The options vest over a four (4) year period in equal quarterly installments, the first of which was on April 3, 2017.
- (7) The options vest over a four (4) year period in equal quarterly installments, the first of which was on May 21, 2017.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Bartram Richard C/O ESPERION THERAPEUTICS, INC. 3891 RANCHERO DRIVE, SUITE 150 ANN ARBOR, MI 48108			Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

Richard B. Bartram

12/14/2017

**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 5(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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