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(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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Symbol	ASTX
SIC Code	2834 - Pharmaceutical Preparations
Industry	Biotechnology & Drugs
Sector	Healthcare
Fiscal Year	12/31

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)
MOLKENTIN MICHAEL (Last) (First) (Middle)	**Astex Pharmaceuticals, Inc [ASTX]**	_____ Director _____ 10% Owner __ **X** __ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) **Chief Financial Officer**
C/O ASTEX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 4140 DUBLIN BOULEVARD, SUITE 200 (Street)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) **3/7/2012**	
DUBLIN, CA 94568 (City) (State) (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) _ **X** _ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

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

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		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 of Derivative Security: 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				
Employee Stock Option (Right to buy)	**$1.89**	**3/7/2012**		**A**		**160000**		(1)	**3/7/2022**	**Common Stock**	**160000**	**$ 0**	**160000**	**D**	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) Grant to reporting person of option to purchase shares of Common Stock under the Issuer's 2003 Stock Plan. The option vests and becomes exercisable as to 1/48th of the shares on April 7, 2012 and at the end of each full month thereafter.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MOLKENTIN MICHAEL **C/O ASTEX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.** **4140 DUBLIN BOULEVARD, SUITE 200** **DUBLIN, CA 94568**			**Chief Financial Officer**	

Signatures

/s/ Michael Molkentin	3/9/2012
** 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).

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