Mast Therapeutics, Inc.

Form 4 June 17, 2016

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

Washington, D.C. 20549

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SECURITIES Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,

obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Pauls Matthew

(First) (Middle) (Last)

900 NORTHBROOK DRIVE, SUITE 200

(Street)

TREVOSE, PA 19053

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Mast Therapeutics, Inc. [MSTX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 06/15/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify

below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

Code V Amount (D) Price

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

(I) (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership

Form: Direct

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership

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(Instr. 4)

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

1. Title of Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8 **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month	n/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8	or D (D)	uired (A) bisposed of tr. 3, 4, 5)	ed of			
				Code	V (Α) (Γ	D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to	\$ 0.43	06/15/2016		A	79,	551	<u>(1)</u>	06/15/2026	Common Stock	79,551

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
Transfer and an area and an area	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Pauls Matthew 900 NORTHBROOK DRIVE SUITE 200 TREVOSE, PA 19053	X						

Signatures

/s/ Brian M. Culley, Attorney-in-Fact for Matthew
Pauls

06/17/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- This option vests and becomes exercisable in 48 substantially equal monthly installments on each monthly anniversary of January 4, 2016, subject to the reporting person's continued service with the issuer.

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