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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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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* <u>ATWOOD BRIAN G</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O CADENCE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.</u> <u>12481 HIGH BLUFF DRIVE, SUITE 200</u> (Street) <u>SAN DIEGO CA 92130</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CADENCE PHARMACEUTICALS INC [CADX]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/18/2009</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction 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			
Common Stock	02/18/2009		A		1,381,632	A	\$7.13	1,381,632	I	By Versant Venture Capital IV, L.P. ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock	02/18/2009		A		8,704	A	\$7.13	8,704	I	By Versant Side Fund IV, L.P. ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock								3,220,948	I	By Versant Venture Capital II, L.P. ⁽²⁾
Common Stock								61,124	I	By Versant Affiliates Fund II-A, L.P. ⁽²⁾
Common Stock								28,787	I	By Versant Side Fund II, L.P. ⁽²⁾

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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction 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 (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 of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	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				
Warrant to purchase common stock (right to buy)	\$7.84	02/18/2009		A		690,816		02/18/2009	02/18/2014	Common Stock	690,816	\$0.125	690,816	I	By Versant Venture Capital IV, L.P. ⁽¹⁾
Warrant to purchase common stock (right to buy)	\$7.84	02/18/2009		A		4,352		02/18/2009	02/18/2014	Common Stock	4,352	\$0.125	4,352	I	By Versant Side Fund IV, L.P. ⁽¹⁾

Explanation of Responses:

1. Mr. Atwood is the managing member of Versant Ventures IV, L.L.C., the general partner of each of these funds. Mr. Atwood disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and this shall not be deemed an admission for Section 16 or any other purpose.

2. Mr. Atwood is the managing member of Versant Ventures II, L.L.C., the general partner of each of these funds. Mr. Atwood disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and this shall not be deemed an admission for Section 16 or any other purpose.

Remarks:

/s/ Hazel M. Aker

02/20/2009

** 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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby authorizes Theodore R. Schroeder, William R. LaRue and Hazel M. Aker of Cadence Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the "Company"), and each of them individually to execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as a shareholder of the Company, Forms 3, 4 and 5, and any amendments thereto, and cause such form(s) to be filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Act of 1934, relating to the undersigned's beneficial ownership of securities in the Company. 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 requisite, 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 of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until 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, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 17th day of February, 2009.

/s/ Brian G. Atwood
Brian G. Atwood