FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  BARKER SAM L						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  CADENCE PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ CADX ]										olicable)	g Person(s) to I	
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CADENCE PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 12481 HIGH BLUFF DRIVE, SUITE 200					3. D	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/10/2011									Officer (give title below)		Other below	(specify )
(Street) SAN DIEGO CA 92130					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting				
(City)	(St	ate) (	Zip)			Person												
		Tabl	e I - N	on-Deriv	ative	Seci	uritie	s Ac	quire	d, Di	sposed o	f, or B	enefici	ally (	Owne	ed		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/					Execution Date,		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities Disposed Of					and 5) See Bei Ow		ount of ities icially d Following	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		Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(111511.4)				
Common Stock 05/10/20						011			P		9,000	A	\$7.03	367(1)		20,000	D	
	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	(Month/Day/Year) if any		on Date, Trans		nsaction of le (Instr. De Se Ad (A Di of		titive itities red sed 3, 4		i. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)				9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exerci	sable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					

## Explanation of Responses:

1. This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from a low of \$7.01 to a high of \$7.05. The price reported above reflects the weighted average purchase price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.

## Remarks:

Hazel M. Aker Attorney-in-fact 05/11/2011

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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