Mento Steven J Form 4 February 05, 2018

FORM 4

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to **SECURITIES** Section 16.

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Mento Steven J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Conatus Pharmaceuticals Inc.

[CNAT]

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

02/04/2018

C/O CONATUS PHARMACEUTICALS INC., 16745 WEST BERNARDO DRIVE, SUITE

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Security

(Instr. 3)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

Applicable Line)

Issuer

below)

_X__ Director

X_ Officer (give title

SAN DIEGO, CA 92127

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

3.

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

Form: Direct (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) (Instr. 4)

6. Ownership

7. Nature of Indirect Ownership

(Instr. 4)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

President, CEO & Director

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

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10% Owner

Other (specify

Estimated average

burden hours per

(A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

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

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

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) Disposed of (I (Instr. 3, 4, an 5)	Expiration D (Month/Day or D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (l	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.17	02/04/2018		A	120,000	<u>(1)</u>	02/03/2028	Common Stock	120,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
18	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Mento Steven J						
C/O CONATUS PHARMACEUTICALS INC.	X		Dunsident CEO & Dineston			
16745 WEST BERNARDO DRIVE, SUITE 200	Λ		President, CEO & Director			
SAN DIEGO, CA 92127						

Signatures

/s/ Michelle L. Vandertie, Attorney-in-Fact for Steven J.
Mento

02/05/2018

**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).

The option was granted on February 4, 2018. 25% of the total number of shares of common stock subject to the option will vest on

(1) February 2, 2019, and 1/48th of the total number of shares of common stock subject to the option will vest monthly thereafter, subject to the Reporting Person's continued employment or service relationship with the Issuer on each such vesting date.

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