

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Bartram Richard</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O ESPERION THERAPEUTICS, INC.</u> <u>3891 RANCHERO DRIVE, SUITE 150</u> (Street) <u>ANN ARBOR MI 48108</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/14/2017</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Esperion Therapeutics, Inc. [ESPR]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Financial Officer</u>	5. 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>D</u>	

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
<u>Stock Option (right to buy)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>04/24/2018</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>17,892</u>	<u>3.7</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Stock Option (right to buy)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	<u>07/23/2023</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>17.11</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Stock Option (right to buy)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>12/20/2023</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>17,200</u>	<u>12.92</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Stock Option (right to buy)</u>	<u>(3)</u>	<u>01/02/2025</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>41.23</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Stock Option (right to buy)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	<u>03/18/2025</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>12,000</u>	<u>105.72</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Stock Option (right to buy)</u>	<u>(5)</u>	<u>01/04/2026</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>21.65</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Stock Option (right to buy)</u>	<u>(6)</u>	<u>01/03/2027</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>12.88</u>	<u>D</u>	
<u>Stock Option (right to buy)</u>	<u>(7)</u>	<u>02/21/2027</u>	<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>6,500</u>	<u>24.42</u>	<u>D</u>	

Explanation of Responses:

- The options are fully vested as of the date hereof.
- The options vest over a four (4) year period. 25% of the shares vested on December 20, 2014, and an additional 1/16th vests on each quarterly anniversary of such date thereafter.
- The options vest over a four (4) year period in equal quarterly installments, the first of which was on April 2, 2015.
- The options vest over a four (4) year period in equal quarterly installments, the first of which was on June 18, 2015.
- The options vest over a four (4) year period in equal quarterly installments, the first of which was on April 4, 2016.
- The options vest over a four (4) year period in equal quarterly installments, the first of which was on April 3, 2017.
- The options vest over a four (4) year period in equal quarterly installments, the first of which was on May 21, 2017.

Richard B. Bartram 12/14/2017
 ** 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 5 (b)(v).

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