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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF Form 4 or Form 5

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1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Marshall Keith W

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer Conatus Pharmaceuticals Inc.

[CNAT]

(Month/Day/Year)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

08/31/2017

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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

EVP, COO & CFO

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

(First)

200

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

below)

SAN DIEGO, CA 92127

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Instr. 3)

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

(Middle)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(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 or 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 5.74	08/31/2017		A	525,000	<u>(1)</u>	08/30/2027	Common Stock	525,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Marshall Keith W C/O CONATUS PHARMACEUTICALS INC. 16745 WEST BERNARDO DRIVE, SUITE 200 SAN DIEGO, CA 92127

EVP, COO & CFO

Signatures

/s/ Michelle L. Vandertie, Attorney-in-Fact for Keith W.

Marshall

09/01/2017

**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 August 31, 2017. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the total number of shares of common stock subject to the option will vest on August 31, 2018, 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.

Remarks:

Represents an inducement award of stock options to the Reporting Person in connection the commencement of the Reporting

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