

FORM 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Sonsini Peter W. (Last) (First) (Middle) 2855 SAND HILL ROAD (Street) MENLO PARK, CA 94025 (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 10/14/2015 | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Cerecor Inc. [CERC] | |
| | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) | 5. If Amendment, Date 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) |
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 of Derivative Security: 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 | | | |
| Series B Convertible Preferred Stock | (1) | (1) | Common Stock | 594,245 (2) | \$ (1) | I | See Note 3 (3) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Sonsini Peter W. 2855 SAND HILL ROAD MENLO PARK, CA 94025 | | X | | |

Signatures

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| /s/ Sasha Keough, attorney-in-fact | 10/14/2015 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | Date |

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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(1) The shares of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Series B Shares") will convert automatically into Common Stock, on a 1-for-0.03571 basis, immediately prior to the closing of the Issuer's initial public offering, and have no expiration date.

(2) Reflects the conversion of the Series B Shares into shares of Common Stock.

The Reporting Person is a director of NEA 14 GP, LTD, which is the sole general partner of NEA Partners 14, L.P. ("NEA Partners 14"). NEA Partners 14 is the sole general partner of New Enterprise Associates 14, L.P. ("NEA 14"), which is the direct beneficial owner of the securities. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership, within the meaning of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise of such portion of the NEA 14 shares in which the Reporting Person has no pecuniary interest.

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