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*  MARXE AUSTIN W & GREENHOUSE  DAVID M  (Last) (First) (Middle)							Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol XCYTE THERAPIES INC [ XCYT ]      Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/09/2006										Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     Director X 10% Owner     Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)						
C/O SPECIAL SITUATIONS FUNDS																							
527 MADISON AVENUE, SUITE 2600							4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)										6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)						
(Street) NEW YORK NY 1002:  (City) (State) (Zip)				2	-	T									n filed b	by One Reporting Person by More than One Reporting							
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned  1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction  2. Transaction  2. Deemed  3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) or 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of 6. Ownership 7. Owners																							
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Yea					ear)   i	Execution Date,			Transaction Code (Instr. 8)								,	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		Indire Bene Owne	Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr.		
								(	Code	v	Ar		(A) or (D) Price		Tr	ansaction							
Common Stock 03/0					)6	j						22,400	A	\$0.7121		4,397,798		I		By Limited Partnerships			
Common Stock 03/				03/10/200	)6	5				P		20,900(1)	A \$0.724		3 4	4,418,698 <sup>(1)</sup>		I(1)		By Limited Partnerships <sup>(1)</sup>			
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	ision Date (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) 8				saction (Instr.	5. Nu of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) o Dispo of (D) (Instr and 5	rative rities ired r osed )	Ex (M	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Expiration Date Expiration Date			Amou Secur Under Derive Secur	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)  Amount of Or Number of Shares		Price of erivative ecurity istr. 5)			10. Ownee Form: Direct or Ind (I) (Ins	t (D) lirect	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. This is a joint filing by Austin W. Marxe (Marxe) and David M. Greenhouse (Greenhouse). They share voting and investment control over all securities owned by Special Situations Fund III QP, L.P. (QP), Special Situations Cayman Fund, L.P. (Cayman) and Special Situations Life Sciences Fund, L.P. (LS), respectively. 2,952,923 shares of Common Stock are held by QP, 857,036 shares of Common Stock are held by Cayman and 608,739 shares of Common Stock are held by LS. The interest of Marxe and Greenhouse in the shares of Common Stock owned by QP, Cayman and LS is limited to the extent of his pecuniary interest.

> Austin W. Marxe 03/13/2006 03/13/2006 David M. Greenhouse \*\* 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 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).

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