## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  MARXE AUSTIN W & GREENHOUSE  DAVID M						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol XCYTE THERAPIES INC [ XCYT ]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director X 10% Owner  Officer (give title Other (specify					
(Last) (First) (Middle)						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/07/2006								belo	w)		ŀ	pelow)	
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(Street) NEW YORK NY 10022					_									X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person					
(City)	(City) (State) (Zip)																		
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/You						2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)					5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr.	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				4)	
Common Stock 03/07/2000					06	5			P		3,000	A	\$0.76	4,372,3	4,372,398 I			By Limited Partnerships	
Common Stock 03/08				03/08/20	)06						3,000(1)	A	\$0.73	4,375,398 <sup>(1)</sup>		I <sup>(1</sup>	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)	titve Conversion or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any Control of Derivative Security Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) 8			4. Transa Code 8)		5. Nu of Deriv Secu Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D) (Instr and 5	ative rities ired osed	Expi (Mor	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Exercisable Expiration Date			and nt of ties ties tive ty (Instr. 3  Amount or Number of Shares	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	vative derivati		ve ies Form: Direct (I or Indirect (I) (Instruction(s)		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 565,439 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 03/10/2006 03/10/2006 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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