

**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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Form 3 Holdings Reported.

Form 4 Transactions Reported.

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Kazam Joshua A</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O CAPRICOR THERAPEUTICS, INC.</u> <u>8840 WILSHIRE BLVD., 2ND FLOOR</u>  (Street) <u>BEVERLY HILLS CA</u> <u>90211</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CAPRICOR THERAPEUTICS, INC. [ CAPR ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/31/2017</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	12/26/2017		G <sup>(1)</sup>	1,000	D	\$0	37,084	D	
Common Stock	12/27/2017		G <sup>(1)</sup>	17,786	D	\$0	19,298	D	
Common Stock							12,276	I	By Kazam Family Trust
Common Stock							3,310	I	By Spouse for Minor Child <sup>(2)(3)</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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of 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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					

**Explanation of Responses:**

- Gift by the Reporting Person for estate planning purposes to an irrevocable blind grantor trust, which is managed by an independent trustee. The Reporting Person holds no voting or dispositive power over the securities held by the trust.
- Held by the Reporting Person's spouse as custodian for the benefit of their minor child under the Uniform Gift to Minors Act. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, if any, and this report shall not be deemed an admission that the Reporting Person is the beneficial owner of these shares for purposes of Section 16 or any other purpose.
- The Reporting Person previously reported, in a Form 4 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 22, 2015, indirect beneficial ownership of 3,310 shares of Common Stock held by the Kash Family Foundation, of which the Reporting Person was at the time a co-trustee with the ability to vote and dispose of the shares. The Reporting Person had no pecuniary interest in the shares held by the Foundation. Subsequent to January 22, 2015, the Reporting Person ceased to serve as a co-trustee of the Foundation and accordingly the shares held by the Foundation are not reported in this Form 5.

/s/ Linda Marban, as Attorney-in-Fact 02/14/2018

\*\* 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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