

BRUENING CHRISTOPH
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 BRUENING CHRISTOPH

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CALLISTO PHARMACEUTICALS INC [CLSP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O CALLISTO PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 420 LEXINGTON AVE., SUITE 1609
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/18/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

NEW YORK, NY 10170
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	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. 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. 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 Options	\$ 0.08	12/18/2008		A		6,000		<u>(1)</u>	12/18/2018	Common Stock	6,000
Stock Options	\$ 0.08	12/18/2008		A		3,000		<u>(2)</u>	12/18/2018	Common Stock	3,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BRUENING CHRISTOPH
C/O CALLISTO PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.
420 LEXINGTON AVE., SUITE 1609
NEW YORK, NY 10170

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Signatures

/s/ Christoph
Bruening

12/22/2008

**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).

(1) 2,000 options will vest on each of December 18, 2009, 2010 and 2011, assuming the holder is a director of the Company on such date.

(2) All of the options will vest on December 18, 2009, assuming the holder is a director of the Company on such date.

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