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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
SCHEDULE 13G/A
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(AMENDMENT NO___4___)*
METABASIS THERAPEUTICS, INC

(Name of Issuer) **Common Stock**

(Title of Class of Securities) **59101M 10 5**

(CUSIP Number)
April 16, 2008

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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- b Rule 13d-1(d)

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CUSIP No. 59101M 10 5 13G Page of 17 Pages NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS 1 InterWest Partners VII, LP I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO(S). OF ABOVE PERSON(S) (ENTITIES ONLY) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP 2 (a) o (b) o SEC USE ONLY 3 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION 4 California **SOLE VOTING POWER** 5 NUMBER OF 3,717,282 **SHARES** SHARED VOTING POWER **BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY** 0 **EACH** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 7 REPORTING **PERSON** 3,717,282 WITH: SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 8 0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9

3,717,282

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES:

10

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11

10.6%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

PN

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CUSIP No. 59101M 10 5 13G Page of 17 Pages NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS 1 InterWest Investors VII, LP I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO(S). OF ABOVE PERSON(S) (ENTITIES ONLY) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP 2 (a) o (b) o SEC USE ONLY 3 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION 4 California **SOLE VOTING POWER** 5 NUMBER OF 177,970 **SHARES** SHARED VOTING POWER **BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY** 0 **EACH** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 7 REPORTING **PERSON** 177,970 WITH: SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 8 0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES:

10

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11

0.5%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

PN

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CUSIP No. 13G 59101M 10 5 Page of 17 Pages NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS InterWest Management Partners VII, LLC (the General Partner of InterWest Partners VII, LP and 1 InterWest Investors VII, LP) I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO(S). OF ABOVE PERSON(S) (ENTITIES ONLY) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP 2 (a) o (b) o SEC USE ONLY 3 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION 4 California **SOLE VOTING POWER** 5 NUMBER OF 3,895,252 **SHARES** SHARED VOTING POWER 6 BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 0 **EACH** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 7 REPORTING **PERSON** 3,895,252 WITH: SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8

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	00				
14	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON				
	11.2%				
13	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)				
10	0				
	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES:				
9	3,895,252				
	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON				
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NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

1 Harvey B. Cash (a Managing Director of InterWest Management Partners VII, LLC)

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO(S). OF ABOVE PERSON(S) (ENTITIES ONLY)

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

2

(a) o

(b) o

SEC USE ONLY

3

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4

United States

SOLE VOTING POWER

5

NUMBER OF 50,000

SHARES SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY

OWNED BY 3,895,252

EACH SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING 7

PERSON 50,000

WITH: SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8

3,895,252

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

3,945,252

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES:

10

o

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11

11.3%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

12

IN

Neither the filing of this statement on Schedule 13G nor any of its contents shall be deemed to constitute an admission by Harvey B. Cash that he is the beneficial owner of any of the Common Stock referred to herein for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose, and such beneficial ownership is expressly disclaimed, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest.

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

1 Philip T. Gianos (a Managing Director of InterWest Management Partners VII, LLC)

I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO(S). OF ABOVE PERSON(S) (ENTITIES ONLY)

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP

2

(a) o

(b) o

SEC USE ONLY

3

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4

United States

SOLE VOTING POWER

5

NUMBER OF 0

SHARES SHARED VOTING POWER

BENEFICIALLY 6

OWNED BY 3,895,252

EACH SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING 7

PERSON 0

WITH: SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8

3,895,252

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

3,895,252

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES:

10

o

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11

11.2%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

12

IN

Neither the filing of this statement on Schedule 13G nor any of its contents shall be deemed to constitute an admission by Philip T. Gianos that he is the beneficial owner of any of the Common Stock referred to herein for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose, and such beneficial ownership is expressly disclaimed, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest.

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CUSIP No. 13G 59101M 10 5 of 17 Pages Page NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS 1 W. Scott Hedrick (a Managing Director of InterWest Management Partners VII, LLC) I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO(S). OF ABOVE PERSON(S) (ENTITIES ONLY) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP 2 (a) o (b) o SEC USE ONLY 3 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION 4 **United States SOLE VOTING POWER** 5 NUMBER OF 0 **SHARES** SHARED VOTING POWER BENEFICIALLY **OWNED BY** 3,895,252 **EACH** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 7 REPORTING **PERSON** 0 WITH: SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 8 3,895,252

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

3,895,252

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES:

10

o

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11

11.2%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

12

IN

Neither the filing of this statement on Schedule 13G nor any of its contents shall be deemed to constitute an admission by W. Scott Hedrick that he is the beneficial owner of any of the Common Stock referred to herein for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose, and such beneficial ownership is expressly disclaimed, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest.

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CUSIP No. 13G 59101M 10 5 of 17 Pages Page NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS 1 W. Stephen Holmes III (a Managing Director of InterWest Management Partners VII, LLC) I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO(S). OF ABOVE PERSON(S) (ENTITIES ONLY) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP 2 (a) o (b) o SEC USE ONLY 3 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION 4 **United States SOLE VOTING POWER** 5 NUMBER OF 0 **SHARES** SHARED VOTING POWER BENEFICIALLY **OWNED BY** 3,895,252 **EACH** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 7 REPORTING **PERSON** 0 WITH: SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 8 3,895,252

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9

3,895,252

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES:

10

o

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11

11.2%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

12

IN

Neither the filing of this statement on Schedule 13G nor any of its contents shall be deemed to constitute an admission by W. Stephen Holmes III that he is the beneficial owner of any of the Common Stock referred to herein for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose, and such beneficial ownership is expressly disclaimed, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest.

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CUSIP No. 13G 59101M 10 5 of 17 Pages Page NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS 1 Gilbert H. Kliman (a Managing Director of InterWest Management Partners VII, LLC) I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO(S). OF ABOVE PERSON(S) (ENTITIES ONLY) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP 2 (a) o (b) o SEC USE ONLY 3 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION 4 **United States SOLE VOTING POWER** 5 NUMBER OF 0 **SHARES** SHARED VOTING POWER BENEFICIALLY **OWNED BY** 3,895,252 **EACH** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 7 REPORTING **PERSON** 0 WITH: SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 8 3,895,252

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

3,895,252

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES:

10

o

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11

11.2%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

12

IN

Neither the filing of this statement on Schedule 13G nor any of its contents shall be deemed to constitute an admission by Gilbert H. Kliman that he is the beneficial owner of any of the Common Stock referred to herein for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose, and such beneficial ownership is expressly disclaimed, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest.

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CUSIP No. 13G of 17 Pages 59101M 10 5 Page 10 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS 1 Arnold L. Oronsky (a Managing Director of InterWest Management Partners VII, LLC) I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO(S). OF ABOVE PERSON(S) (ENTITIES ONLY) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP 2 (a) o (b) o SEC USE ONLY 3 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION 4 **United States SOLE VOTING POWER** 5 NUMBER OF 50,000 **SHARES** SHARED VOTING POWER **BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY** 3,895,252 **EACH** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 7 **REPORTING PERSON** 50,000 WITH: SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 8 3,895,252

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9

3,945,252

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES:

10

o

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11

11.3%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

12

IN

Neither the filing of this statement on Schedule 13G nor any of its contents shall be deemed to constitute an admission by Arnold L. Oronsky that he is the beneficial owner of any of the Common Stock referred to herein for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose, and such beneficial ownership is expressly disclaimed, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest.

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CUSIP No. 13G 59101M 10 5 of 17 Pages Page 11 NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS 1 Thomas L. Rosch (a Managing Director of InterWest Management Partners VII, LLC) I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO(S). OF ABOVE PERSON(S) (ENTITIES ONLY) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP 2 (a) o (b) o SEC USE ONLY 3 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION 4 **United States SOLE VOTING POWER** 5 NUMBER OF 0 **SHARES** SHARED VOTING POWER BENEFICIALLY **OWNED BY** 3,895,252 **EACH** SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 7 **REPORTING PERSON** 0 WITH: SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 8 3,895,252

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

3,895,252

CHECK IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES:

10

o

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11

11.2%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

12

IN

Neither the filing of this statement on Schedule 13G nor any of its contents shall be deemed to constitute an admission by Thomas L. Rosch that he is the beneficial owner of any of the Common Stock referred to herein for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose, and such beneficial ownership is expressly disclaimed, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest.

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ITEM 1.

(a) NAME OF ISSUER: Metabasis Therapeutics, Inc.

(b) ADDRESS OF ISSUER S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICE:

11119 North Torrey Pines Road, La Jolla, CA 92037

ITEM 2.

(a) NAME OF PERSON(S) FILING:

InterWest Partners VII, LP (IWP VII)

InterWest Investors VII, LP (II VII)

InterWest Management Partners VII, LLC (IMP VII)

Harvey B. Cash (Cash)

Philip T. Gianos (Gianos)

W. Scott Hedrick (Hedrick)

W. Stephen Holmes III (Holmes)

Gilbert H. Kliman (Kliman)

Arnold L. Oronsky (Oronsky)

Thomas L. Rosch (Rosch)

(b) ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE:

2710 Sand Hill Road, Second Floor, Menlo Park, CA 94025

(c) CITIZENSHIP/PLACE OF ORGANIZATION:

IWP VII: California California II VII: IMP VII: California **United States** Cash: Gianos: **United States** Hedrick: **United States** Holmes: **United States** Kliman: **United States United States** Oronsky: Rosch: **United States**

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(d) TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES: Common Stock

(e) **CUSIP NUMBER:** 59101M 10 5 ITEM 3. NOT APPLICABLE. ITEM 4. OWNERSHIP.

		IWP VII (1)	II VII (2)	IMP VII (3)
Beneficial Ownership	3,717,282	177,970	3,895,252	
Percentage of Class		10.6%	0.5%	11.2%
Sole Voting Power		3,717,282	177,970	3,895,252
Shared Voting Power	0	0	0	
Sole Dispositive Power	3,717,282	177,970	3,895,252	
Shared Dispositive Power	0	0	0	
		Cash (4)	Gianos (4)	Hedrick (4)
Beneficial Ownership		3,945,252	3,895,252	3,895,252
Percentage of Class		11.3%	11.2%	11.2%
Sole Voting Power		50,000	0	0
Shared Voting Power	3,895,252	3,895,252	3,895,252	
Sole Dispositive Power	50,000	0	0	
Shared Dispositive Power		3,895,252	3,895,252	3,895,252
		Oronsky		
	Holmes (4)	Kliman (4)	(4)**	Rosch (4)
Beneficial Ownership	3,895,252	3,895,252	3,945,252	3,895,252
Percentage of Class	11.2%	11.2%	11.3%	11.2%
Sole Voting Power	0	0	50,000	0
Shared Voting Power	3,895,252	3,895,252	3,895,252	3,895,252
Sole Dispositive Power	0	0	50,000	0
Shared Dispositive Power	3,895,252	3,895,252	3,895,252	3,895,252

^{**} Includes 50,000 shares issuable to Oronsky pursuant to outstanding options exercisable within 60 days of April 16, 2008.

- (1) Excludes 312,173 shares issuable pursuant to warrant exercise after October 16, 2008.
- (2) Excludes 14,937 shares issuable pursuant to warrant exercise after October 16, 2008.
- (3) IMP VII is the general partner of IWP VII and II VII.
- (4) Cash, Gianos, Hedrick, Holmes, Kliman, Oronsky, and Rosch are Managing Directors of IMP VII. Page 13 of 17 Pages

ITEM 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS.

Not applicable.

ITEM 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON.

Under certain circumstances set forth in the limited liability company operating agreement of IMP VII, the members of such limited liability company have the right to receive dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of, the common stock of Issuer beneficially owned by such limited liability company.

ITEM 7. IDENTIFICATION AND

CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY

WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING

REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING

COMPANY.

Not applicable.

ITEM 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP.

No reporting person is a member of a group as defined in section 240.13d-1(b)(1)(iii)(H) of the Act.

ITEM 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF THE GROUP.

Not applicable.

ITEM 10. CERTIFICATION.

Not applicable.

EXHIBITS

Joint Filing Statement attached as Exhibit A.

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SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: May 6, 2008

By: /s/ Karen A. Wilson

Name:

Harvey B. Cash by Karen A. Wilson, Power of Attorney

By: /s/ Philip T. Gianos

Name:

Philip T. Gianos

By: /s/ Karen A. Wilson

Name:

W. Scott Hedrick by Karen A. Wilson, Power of Attorney

By: /s/ W. Stephen Holmes

Name:

W. Stephen Holmes

By: /s/ Gilbert H. Kliman

Name:

Gilbert H. Kliman

By: /s/ Arnold L. Oronsky

Name:

Arnold L. Oronsky

By: /s/ Thomas L. Rosch

Name:

Thomas L. Rosch

INTERWEST PARTNERS VII, LP

By: InterWest Management Partners VII, LLC

its General Partner

By: /s/ W. Stephen Holmes

Managing Director

INTERWEST INVESTORS VII, LP

By: InterWest Management Partners VII, LLC

its General Partner

By: /s/ W. Stephen Holmes

Managing Director

INTERWEST MANAGEMENT PARTNERS VII, LLC

By: /s/ W. Stephen Holmes

Managing Director

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EXHIBIT A

Joint Filing Statement

We, the undersigned, hereby express our agreement that the attached Schedule 13G is filed on behalf of each of us. Date: May 6, 2008

By: /s/ Karen A. Wilson

Name:

Harvey B. Cash by Karen A. Wilson, Power of Attorney

By: /s/ Philip T. Gianos

Name:

Philip T. Gianos

By: /s/ Karen A. Wilson

Name:

W. Scott Hedrick by Karen A. Wilson, Power of Attorney

By: /s/ W. Stephen Holmes

Name:

W. Stephen Holmes

By: /s/ Gilbert H. Kliman

Name:

Gilbert H. Kliman

By: /s/ Arnold L. Oronsky

Name:

Arnold L. Oronsky

By: /s/ Thomas L. Rosch

Name:

Thomas L. Rosch

INTERWEST PARTNERS VII, LP

By: InterWest Management Partners VII, LLC

its General Partner

By: /s/ W. Stephen Holmes

Managing Director

INTERWEST INVESTORS VII, LP

By: InterWest Management Partners VII, LLC

its General Partner

By: /s/ W. Stephen Holmes

Managing Director

INTERWEST MANAGEMENT PARTNERS VII, LLC

By: /s/ W. Stephen Holmes

Managing Director

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EXHIBIT A POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS:

The undersigned, Harvey B. Cash, hereby constitutes and appoints Karen A. Wilson as his true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact, with full power in his name and on his behalf, to take all actions and do all things necessary with respect to all matters arising in connection with the ownership reporting requirements of the securities laws of the United States, including the execution and delivery of all documents in connection therewith.

The undersigned agrees to indemnify said Attorney-in-Fact against, and hold her free and harmless from, and all loss, cost, expense, damage or liability which she may incur or sustain as a result of any action taken by his in good faith pursuant to this Power of Attorney.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until revoked in writing by the undersigned and the authority granted herein may be relied upon by any person until such person has actually received written notice of revocation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Power of Attorney this 12th day of February, 1996. HARVEY B. CASH /s/ Harvey B. Cash

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