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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
SCHEDULE 13G/A**

**Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
(AMENDMENT NO 5)***

METABASIS THERAPEUTICS, INC

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

59101M 10 5

(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2008

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

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- Rule 13d-1(b)
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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)
(b)

SEC USE ONLY

3

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4 California

SOLE VOTING POWER

5

NUMBER OF 4,029,455

SHARED VOTING POWER

SHARES **6**

BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 0

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING **7**
PERSON

WITH 4,029,455

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9 4,029,455

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

10

o

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11

11.4%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

12

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

1 InterWest Investors VII, LP
I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO(S). OF ABOVE PERSON(S) (ENTITIES ONLY)

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(b)

SEC USE ONLY

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4 California

SOLE VOTING POWER

5

NUMBER OF 192,907

SHARED VOTING POWER

SHARES BENEFICIALLY **6**

OWNED BY 0

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING PERSON **7**

WITH 192,907

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9 192,907

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

10

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11

0.55%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

12

PN

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

1

InterWest Management Partners VII, LLC (the General Partner of InterWest Partners VII, LP and InterWest Investors VII, LP)

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4

California

SOLE VOTING POWER

5

NUMBER OF 4,222,362

SHARED VOTING POWER

6

SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 0

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

7

REPORTING PERSON WITH 4,222,362

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8

0

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9

4,222,362

10

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

11

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11.9%

12

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

OO

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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)

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(b)

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4
United States

SOLE VOTING POWER

5

NUMBER OF 50,000

SHARED VOTING POWER

6

SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 4,222,362

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

7

REPORTING PERSON WITH 50,000

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8

4,222,362

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9
4,272,362

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

10

o

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11

12.1%

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)
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(b)

SEC USE ONLY

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CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4
United States

SOLE VOTING POWER

5

NUMBER OF 0

SHARED VOTING POWER

SHARES **6**

BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 4,222,362

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

REPORTING **7**

PERSON WITH 0

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8

4,222,362

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9
4,222,362

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

10

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11

11.9%

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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NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

1 W. Scott Hedrick (a Managing Director of InterWest Management Partners VII, LLC)
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(b)

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3

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4

United States

SOLE VOTING POWER

5

NUMBER OF 0

SHARED VOTING POWER

6

SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 4,222,362

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

7

REPORTING PERSON WITH 0

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8

4,222,362

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9

4,222,362

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

10

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11

11.9%

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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NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

1 W. Stephen Holmes III (a Managing Director of InterWest Management Partners VII, LLC)
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2 (a)
(b)

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3

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4

United States

SOLE VOTING POWER

5

NUMBER OF 0

SHARED VOTING POWER

6

SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 4,222,362

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

7

REPORTING PERSON WITH 0

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8

4,222,362

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9

4,222,362

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

10

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11

11.9%

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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NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

1 Gilbert H. Kliman (a Managing Director of InterWest Management Partners VII, LLC)
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2 (a)
(b)

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3

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4

United States

SOLE VOTING POWER

5

NUMBER OF 0

SHARED VOTING POWER

6

SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 4,222,362

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

7

REPORTING PERSON WITH 0

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8

4,222,362

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9

4,222,362

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

10

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11

11.9%

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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NAME OF REPORTING PERSONS

1 Arnold L. Oronsky (a Managing Director of InterWest Management Partners VII, LLC)
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2
 (a)
 (b)

SEC USE ONLY

3

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4
 United States

SOLE VOTING POWER

5

NUMBER OF 56,667

SHARED VOTING POWER

6

SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 4,222,362

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

7

REPORTING PERSON WITH 56,667

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8

4,222,362

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9
 4,279,029

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

10

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11

12.1%

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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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)

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2
 (a)
 (b)

SEC USE ONLY

3

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4
 United States

SOLE VOTING POWER

5
 NUMBER OF 0

SHARED VOTING POWER

6
 SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 4,222,362

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

7
 REPORTING PERSON WITH 0

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8
 4,222,362

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9
 4,222,362

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

10

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

11

11.9%

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.

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

(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	4,029,455	192,907	4,222,362	
Percentage of Class	11.4%	0.55%	11.9%	
Sole Voting Power	4,029,455	192,907	4,222,362	
Shared Voting Power	0	0	0	
Sole Dispositive Power	4,029,455	192,907	4,222,362	
Shared Dispositive Power	0	0	0	
	Cash (4)	Gianos (4)	Hedrick (4)	
Beneficial Ownership	4,272,362	4,222,362	4,222,362	
Percentage of Class	12.1%	11.9%	11.9%	
Sole Voting Power	50,000	0	0	
Shared Voting Power	4,222,362	4,222,362	4,222,362	
Sole Dispositive Power	50,000	0	0	
Shared Dispositive Power	4,222,362	4,222,362	4,222,362	
	Holmes (4)	Kliman (4)	Oronsky (4)**	Rosch (4)
Beneficial Ownership	4,222,362	4,222,362	4,279,029	4,222,362
Percentage of Class	11.9%	11.9%	12.1%	11.9%
Sole Voting Power	0	0	56,667	0
Shared Voting Power	4,222,362	4,222,362	4,222,362	4,222,362
Sole Dispositive Power	0	0	56,667	0
Shared Dispositive Power	4,222,362	4,222,362	4,222,362	4,222,362

** Includes 56,667 shares issuable to Oronsky pursuant to outstanding options exercisable within 60 days of December 31, 2008.

(1) Includes 312,173 shares issuable pursuant to warrant exercise after October 16, 2008.

- (2) Includes 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.

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: February 13, 2009

INTERWEST PARTNERS VII, LP

By: /s/ Harvey B. Cash

Name: Harvey B. Cash

By: InterWest Management Partners VII, LLC
its General Partner

By: /s/ Philip T. Gianos

Name: Philip T. Gianos

By: /s/ W. Stephen Holmes

Managing Director

By: /s/ W. Scott Hedrick

Name: W. Scott Hedrick

By: /s/ W. Stephen Holmes

Name: W. Stephen Holmes
III

INTERWEST INVESTORS VII, LP

By: InterWest Management Partners VII, LLC
its General Partner

By: /s/ W. Stephen Holmes

Managing Director

By:/s/ Gilbert H. Kliman

Name: Gilbert H. Kliman

INTERWEST MANAGEMENT PARTNERS VII,
LLC

By: /s/ Arnold L. Oronsky

Name: Arnold L. Oronsky

By: /s/ W. Stephen Holmes

Managing Director

By: /s/ Thomas L. Rosch

Name: Thomas L. Rosch

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: February 13, 2009

INTERWEST PARTNERS VII, LP

By: /s/ Harvey B. Cash

Name: Harvey B. Cash

By: InterWest Management Partners VII, LLC
its General Partner

By: /s/ Philip T. Gianos

Name: Philip T. Gianos

By: /s/ W. Stephen Holmes

Managing Director

By: /s/ W. Scott Hedrick

Name: W. Scott Hedrick

INTERWEST INVESTORS VII, LP

By: InterWest Management Partners VII, LLC its
General Partner

By: /s/ W. Stephen Holmes

Name: W. Stephen Holmes
III

By: /s/ W. Stephen Holmes

Managing Director

By: /s/ Gilbert H. Kliman

Name: Gilbert H. Kliman

By: /s/ W. Stephen Holmes

Managing Director

By: /s/ Arnold L. Oronsky

Name: Arnold L. Oronsky

INTERWEST MANAGEMENT PARTNERS VII,
LLC

By: /s/ Thomas L. Rosch

Name: Thomas L. Rosch

By: /s/ W. Stephen Holmes

Managing Director