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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Bartram Richard</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ESPERION THERAPEUTICS, INC. 3891 RANCHERO DRIVE, SUITE 150 (Street) ANN ARBOR MI 48108 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 12/14/2017	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Esperion Therapeutics, Inc. [ESPR]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Chief Financial Officer	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	1,200	D	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	04/24/2018	Common Stock	17,892	3.7	D
Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	07/23/2023	Common Stock	15,000	17.11	D
Stock Option (right to buy)	(2)	12/20/2023	Common Stock	17,200	12.92	D
Stock Option (right to buy)	(3)	01/02/2025	Common Stock	30,000	41.23	D
Stock Option (right to buy)	(4)	03/18/2025	Common Stock	12,000	105.72	D
Stock Option (right to buy)	(5)	01/04/2026	Common Stock	25,000	21.65	D
Stock Option (right to buy)	(6)	01/03/2027	Common Stock	30,000	12.88	D
Stock Option (right to buy)	(7)	02/21/2027	Common Stock	6,500	24.42	D

Explanation of Responses:

- The options are fully vested as of the date hereof.
- The options vest over a four (4) year period. 25% of the shares vested on December 20, 2014, and an additional 1/16th vests on each quarterly anniversary of such date thereafter.
- The options vest over a four (4) year period in equal quarterly installments, the first of which was on April 2, 2015.
- The options vest over a four (4) year period in equal quarterly installments, the first of which was on June 18, 2015.
- The options vest over a four (4) year period in equal quarterly installments, the first of which was on April 4, 2016.
- The options vest over a four (4) year period in equal quarterly installments, the first of which was on April 3, 2017.
- The options vest over a four (4) year period in equal quarterly installments, the first of which was on May 21, 2017.

Richard B. Bartram 12/14/2017

** 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 5 (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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