

SCHAFER GREGORY W
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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 *
 SCHAFER GREGORY W

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O NILE THERAPEUTICS,
 INC., 115 SAMSOME STREET,
 SUITE #310

(Street)

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 Nile Therapeutics, Inc. [NLTX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 07/21/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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) Price			
Common Stock					100	D	

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)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.5					(1)		01/25/2018		Common Stock	60,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 0.93							01/01/2010	12/22/2018	Common Stock	35,000
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.77	07/21/2009		A	80,000			07/21/2010	07/21/2019	Common Stock	80,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SCHAFFER GREGORY W C/O NILE THERAPEUTICS, INC. 115 SAMSOME STREET, SUITE #310 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94104	X			

Signatures

/s/ Daron Evans as Attorney-in-Fact for Gregory W. Schafer pursuant to Power of Attorney previously filed.

07/23/2009

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) The shares subject to the option vest in three equal installments on January 25, 2009, January 25, 2010 and January 25, 2011.

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