Instruction 1(b).

FORM 4

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     McGowan Mary						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Esperion Therapeutics, Inc. [ ESPR ]								Relationship neck all appli Directo	cable)	g Pers	son(s) to Issu 10% Ow Other (s	ner
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ESPERION THERAPEUTICS INC. 3891 RANCHERO DRIVE, SUITE 150					01	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2017								Chief Medical Officer				
(Street) ANN ARBOR MI 48108  (City) (State) (Zip)				_	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
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Stock Option (right to buy)	\$12.88	01/03/2017			A		50,000		(1)	01/03	)3/2027	Common Stock	50,000	\$0.00	50,000	)	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. The options vest over a four (4) year period in equal quarterly installments, the first of which will be on April 3, 2017.

/s/ Richard B. Bartram, by power of attorney

01/03/2017

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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