FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] Quinlan Paul T | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CymaBay Therapeutics, Inc.</u> [CBAY] | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner | | | | | | |
|--|---------|-------|--|------------------------------------|---|------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CYMABAY THERAPEUTICS, INC. | | () | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 07/14/2023 | x | Officer (give title below) General C | Other (specify below) | | | | | |
| 7575 GATEWAY BLVD., SUITE 110 | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indiv | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | | | | |
| (Street) | CA | 94560 | | | Form filed by More tha | n One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| | | | Rule 10b5-1(c) Transaction Indication | | | | | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a cont affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10. | ction or written plan that is inte | ended to satisfy the | | | | | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | Date Execution Date, | | Transaction Code (Instr. | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|--|-----------------------------|---|--|---------------|---------|--|---|-------------------------|
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 07/14/2023 | | М | | 5,000 | Α | \$2.94 | 5,000 | D | |
| Common Stock | 07/14/2023 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 5,000 | D | \$11.81 | 0 | D | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (In | 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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
|---|---|------------|---|----------|--|-----|--|---------------------|--|-----------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$2.94 | 07/14/2023 | | М | | | 5,000 | (2) | 01/24/2032 | Common Stock | 5,000 | \$0 | 185,000 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. The sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan entered into on February 14, 2023.

2. The option grant vests as to 1/48 of the underlying shares monthly from January 1, 2022.

/s/ Paul Quinlan

** Signature of Reporting Person

07/14/2023

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 4 (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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