# FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Shah Sujal			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  CymaBay Therapeutics, Inc. [ CBAY ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  X Director 10% Owner					
		, ,	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/09/2023	X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Chief Executive Officer					
7575 GATEWAY BLVD., SUITE 110		TE 110	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street) NEWARK	CA	94560		X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(State)	(Zip)							

## 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)	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	10/09/2023		M		64,861	A	\$5	236,162	D	
Common Stock	10/09/2023		<b>S</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		64,861	D	\$14.204(2)	171,301	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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transac Code (In 8)				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	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)	\$5	10/09/2023		М			31,034	(3)	12/22/2023	Common Stock	31,034	\$0	62,072	D	
Stock Appreciation Right	\$5	10/09/2023		М			12,972	(4)	12/22/2023	Common Stock	12,972	\$0	25,945	D	
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$5	10/09/2023		M			20,855	(5)	01/05/2024	Common Stock	20,855	\$0	41,711	D	

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan entered into on June 28, 2023.
- 2. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$14.07 to \$14.35, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to CymaBay Therapeutics, Inc., any security holder of CymaBay Therapeutics, Inc., or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth in this footnote.
- 3. The option vested over a four-year period, with one-third of the shares subject to the option vesting on the grant date of December 23, 2013, and the remaining 2/3 of the shares subject to the option vesting ratably on a monthly basis over the 48 months thereafter.
- 4. The award was granted under the CymaBay 2013 Equity Incentive Plan and can be settled in cash or shares of CymaBay common stock, at the sole discretion of CymaBay. The award vested in full on the two-year anniversary of the grant date.
- 5. The option vested over a four-year period, with one-third of the shares subject to the Option vesting on the grant date of January 6, 2014, and the remaining 2/3 of the shares subject to the Option vesting ratably on a monthly basis over the 48 months.

/s/ Paul Quinlan, as attorney-infact for Sujal Shah

\*\* 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 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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#### POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of SUJAL SHAH, DANIEL MENOLD, PAUL T. QUINLAN, DIANA KWON, MATTHEW HEMINGTON and BRETT WHITE, signing individually, the undersigned's true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents to: (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, an officer, director or holder of 10% of more of a registered class of securities of CymaBay Therapeutics, Inc. (the Company), Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act) and the rules thereunder; (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned that may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute such Form 3, 4 or 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such forms or amendments with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and

(3) take any other action of any nature whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion. The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the earliest to occur of (a) the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, (b) revocation by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, or (c) as to any attorney-in-fact individually, until such attorney-in-fact shall no longer be employed by the Company or Cooley LLP, as the case may be.

/s/ Sujal Shah Sujal Shah