Calithera Biosciences, Inc.

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1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Bennett Mark K

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

below)

Calithera Biosciences, Inc. [CALA] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Check all applicable)

C/O CALITHERA BIOSCIENCES.

(First)

(Middle)

(Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify

INC., 343 OYSTER POINT BLVD. #200

(Street)

01/19/2016

below) SR. VP, RESEARCH

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080

> (City) (State) (Zip)

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

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

Common

Stock

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

3. (Month/Day/Year)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

4. Securities

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned

Reported

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4)

Ι

Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

62,787

By Trust (1)

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.71	01/19/2016		A	70,000	(2)	01/18/2026	Common Stock	70,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Bennett Mark K C/O CALITHERA BIOSCIENCES, INC. 343 OYSTER POINT BLVD. #200 SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080

SR. VP, RESEARCH

Signatures

/s/ Mark K.
Bennett

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- Shares are held directly by Mark K. and Grace T. Bennett 1991 Revocable Trust, of which Reporting Person is a Trustee ("Bennett (1) Family Trust"), including the following shares transferred from the Reporting Person to Bennett Family Trust on January 5, 2016 of a total of 10,413 shares from the Reporting Person's December 29, 2015 option exercises.
- One-fourth (1/4th) of the Option vests one year after January 19, 2016; the balance of the Option vests in a series of thirty-six (36) (2) successive equal monthly installments thereafter. The Option shall be subject to accelerated vesting as set forth in the optionee's employment agreement with the Company.

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