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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] COSTA SANTO J | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CYTOKINETICS INC</u> [CYTK] | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner | | | | |
|---|---|--|--------|---|--|---|--------|------|--|--------|---|---|---|--|--|-----------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| (Last) | · · | (First) (Middle) | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/01/2010 | | | | | | | | | | r (give title | | Other (below) | |
| 280 EAST GRAND AVENUE | | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | |
| (Street) SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO CA 94080 | | | | ~ | | | | | | | | | Form | Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (City) | (S ⁻ | tate) (| Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transact Date (Month/Day | | | | | | Execution Date, | | | Transaction Dispose Code (Instr. and 5) | | rities Acquired (A) ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | Securit Benefic Owned | es For ally (D) Indi | | n: Direct or rect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) c (D) | Price | Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | (Instr. 4) | | (Instr. 4) | |
| 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) | if any | | 4. Transact Code (In 8) | tion of | | | 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) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | y | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | | xpiration ate | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$2.54 | 11/01/2010 | | | A | | 40,000 | | 12/01/2010 ⁽⁾ | 1) 1 | 1/01/2020 | Common Stock | 40,000 | \$0 | 40,000 | | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. This option shall vest and become exercisable as to 40,000 shares divided into equal monthly installments such that the option shall be 100% vested on November 1, 2013.

By: Sharon Barbari For: Santo J. Costa 11/01/2010

** 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).

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