FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     COATS LONNEL     |   |  |   |        |   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  LEXICON PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. [  LXRX ] |  |                              |  |  |              |                 |  | 5. Relationship of Reportin<br>(Check all applicable)<br>X Director<br>X Officer (give title   |  |                               | 10% Owner Other (specify   |   |
|--|---|--|---|--------|---|--|--|------------------------------|--|--|--------------|-----------------|--|--|--|-------------------------------|--|---|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 8800 TECHNOLOGY FOREST PLACE       |   |  |   |        | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/09/2017 |  |  |                              |  |  |              |                 |  | President and CEO  |  |                               |  |   |
| (Street) THE WOODLANDS TX 77381  (City) (State) (Zip)      |   |  |   |        | 4. If Amendment, Date of 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 |  |                               |  |   |
|  |   | Tab  | le I - Non-l  | Deriva | tive S  | Seci   | urities  | Ac                           | auired. D  | ispo   | sed o        | of, or Be       | neficial                                     | lv Owned   |  |                               |  |   |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transar Date (Month/Da |   |  |   | tion   | 2A<br>Ex<br>if a  | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year                           |  | 3.<br>Transacti<br>Code (Ins | 4.<br>on D   | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 |              |                 | 5. Amou<br>Securitie<br>Beneficie<br>Owned F | nt of<br>es<br>ally<br>Following   | Form   | : Direct or Indirect Estr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership                      |   |
|  |   |  |   |        |   |  |  | Code V                       | А  | mount  | (A) or (D)   | Price           | Reported<br>Transact<br>(Instr. 3            | ion(s)   |  | (I                            | (Instr. 4)   |   |
|  |   | -  | Гable II - De<br>(e                                   |        |   |  |  |                              | uired, Dis<br>s, options                               |  |              |                 |  | Owned  |  |                               |  |   |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)        | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Da<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Yo | Co     | ransaction<br>Code (Instr.                                  |  | 5. Number<br>of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed<br>of (D) (Instr.<br>3, 4 and 5) |                              | 6. Date Exercisa<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year |  | of Securitie |                 | ies<br>g<br>Security                         | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)  | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 4) | s<br>Silly                    | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>t (Instr. 4) |
|  |   |  |   | Co     | de V  |  | (A)  | (D)                          | Date<br>Exercisable                                    | Expi<br>Date   | iration      | Title           | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares       |  |  |                               |  |   |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                       | \$14.44   | 02/09/2017                                 |   | A      | A .   |  | 85,780   |                              | (1)  | 02/0   | 9/2027       | Common<br>Stock | 85,780                                       | \$0  | 85,780   | 0                             | D  |   |
| Restricted<br>Stock<br>Units<br>(Phantom<br>Stock)         | (2)   | 02/09/2017                                 |   | A      | Λ.  |  | 21,450   |                              | (3)  |  | (3)          | Common<br>Stock | 21,450                                       | \$0  | 21,450   | 0                             | D  |   |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Option vests with respect to 25% of the shares subject to the option on the first anniversary of grant (2/9/2018) and vests 1/48th per month for each month of service thereafter
- 2. Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock.
- 3. Restricted stock units vest with respect to 25% of the shares subject to the restricted stock units on February 28, 2018 and vest an additional 25% on February 28 of each of the three succeeding years thereafter.

/s/ Lonnel Coats

02/13/2017

\*\* 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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