FORM 3

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Felder Joseph   | 2. Date of Event<br>Requiring Staten<br>(Month/Day/Year<br>12/22/2010 | nent 7             | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VENTRUS BIOSCIENCES INC [ VTUS ]  |  |   |   |   |  |  |  |
|---|---|--------------------|---|--|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O VENTRUS BIOSCIENCES, INC.   |   |                    | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director 10% Owner     Officer (give title Other (spec |  | r (Mon                                      | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 12/15/2010 |   |  |  |  |
| 787 7TH AVENUE, 48TH FLOOR  (Street)  NEW YORK NY 10019   |   |                    | below)  | below)                                 | 6. Inc                                      | cable Line)<br>Form filed b   | /Group Filing (Check y One Reporting Person y More than One erson |  |  |  |
| (City) (State) (Zip)  |   |                    |   |  |   |   |   |  |  |  |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned  |   |                    |   |  |   |   |   |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)   |   |                    | Amount of Securities<br>eneficially Owned (Instr. 4)  |  |   | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5)            |   |  |  |  |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |   |                    |   |  |   |   |   |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)  | 2. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)        |                    | 3. Title and Amount of Securities<br>Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)  |  | 4.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of | 5.<br>Ownership<br>Form:  | 6. Nature of Indirect<br>Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5)       |  |  |  |
|   | Date<br>Exercisable   | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares | Derivative<br>Security                      | Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 5)                         |   |  |  |  |
| Stock Options (right to buy)  | 05/11/2010  | 05/11/2020         | Common Stock  | 2,016                                  | 6   | D   |   |  |  |  |
| Stock Options (right to buy)  | (1)   | 11/10/2020         | Common Stock  | 35,000                                 | 6   | D   |   |  |  |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

 $1.\ The\ options\ vested\ 1/3\ on\ 5/28/2008\ and\ the\ remaining\ 2/3\ will\ vest\ in\ equal\ installments\ on\ the\ first,\ second\ and\ third\ anniversaries\ after\ 05/28/2008.$ 

## Remarks:

This Form 3 is being amended to include the exercise price of the derivative securities which was able to be determined upon the close of the equity financing on December 22, 2010.

/s/ W. David Mannheim, by
Power of Attorney

12/23/2010

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).
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