

ESPERION THERAPEUTICS INC/MI  
Form SC 14D9/A  
January 08, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
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SCHEDULE 14D-9  
(RULE 14d-101)

SOLICITATION/RECOMMENDATION STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14(d) (4)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
(AMENDMENT NO. 1)  
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ESPERION THERAPEUTICS, INC.  
(Name of Subject Company)

ESPERION THERAPEUTICS, INC.  
(Name of Person(s) Filing Statement)  
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COMMON STOCK, PAR VALUE \$0.001 PER SHARE  
(Title of Class of Securities)  
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29664R 10 6  
(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)  
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ROGER S. NEWTON, PH.D.  
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Communications on Behalf of the Person(s) Filing Statement)

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communications made before the commencement of a tender offer.

Esperion Therapeutics, Inc. ("the Company") hereby amends and  
supplements its Solicitation/ Recommendation Statement on Schedule 14D-9 filed  
with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 7, 2004.

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ITEM 4. THE SOLICITATION OR RECOMMENDATION.

On January 8, 2004, the Company issued a press release announcing that the Duras Life Sciences Master Fund agreed to pay the Company \$32.2 million in settlement of a lawsuit filed by the Company. The press release is filed as Exhibit (a) (8) to this Amendment No. 1 to the Schedule 14D-9 and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9. EXHIBITS.

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NO.	DESCRIPTION
(a) (8)	Press release, dated January 8, 2004, by Esperion Therapeutics, Inc., regarding the settlement with Duras Life Sciences Master Fund, Ltd.

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SIGNATURE

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

By: /s/ Roger S. Newton, Ph.D.

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Name: Roger S. Newton, Ph.D.

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: January 8, 2004

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