

KIES PETER
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
KIES PETER

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
INOVIO PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. [INO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/09/2018

____ Director
 Officer (give title below)
____ 10% Owner
____ Other (specify below)
CFO

**C/O INOVIO
PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 6769
MESA RIDGE ROAD**

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 03/09/2018 | | M | 25,000 | A | 76,974 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/09/2018 | | F ⁽²⁾ | 8,421 | D | \$ 4.51 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/10/2018 | | M | 20,434 | A | 88,987 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/10/2018 | | F ⁽⁴⁾ | 6,899 | D | \$ 4.51 | D |
| | | | | | | 4,500 | I By Spouse |

Common
Stock

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)

| 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative 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) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Restricted Stock Unit | (1) | 03/09/2018 | | M | 25,000 | (1) (1) | Common Stock | 25,000 |
| Restricted Stock Unit | (3) | 03/10/2018 | | M | 20,434 | (3) (3) | Common Stock | 20,434 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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6769 MESA RIDGE ROAD
SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

CFO

Signatures

Peter Kies 03/13/2018

**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).

Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock. The vesting schedule for the 75,000

(1) restricted stock units is as follows: 25,000 shares vested on March 9, 2017; 25,000 shares vested on March 9, 2018; 25,000 shares will vest on March 9, 2019. Vested units of restricted stock can be settled in shares of common stock, cash or a combination of both.

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- (2) The transaction reported represents the withholding of shares by the issuer to satisfy the reporting person's tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting and settlement of the restricted stock unit award reported in footnote (1) herein.

Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock. The vesting schedule for the 61,300

- (3) restricted stock units is as follows: 20,434 shares vested on March 10, 2018; 20,433 shares will vest on March 10, 2019; 20,433 shares will vest on March 10, 2020. Vested units of restricted stock can be settled in shares of common stock, cash or a combination of both.

- (4) The transaction reported represents the withholding of shares by the issuer to satisfy the reporting person's tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting and settlement of the restricted stock unit award reported in footnote (3) herein.

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