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Name and Address of Reporting Person* Dugel Pravin					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Aerpio Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [ARPO]								Relationship heck all appl X Direct	cable)	g Pers	son(s) to Iss 10% Ov		
(Last)	`	irst)	(Middle) LS, INC.		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/20/2018								Office below	r (give title)		Other (s below)	pecify	
9987 CARVER ROAD, SUITE 420					If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable					
(Street) CINCINNATI OH 25242			25242										X 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. Transac Date (Month/Da					Execution Date,			, Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)		ities Acquired (A) or d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a		Benefic	es ally Following	s Form Illy (D) o ollowing (I) (In		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
								Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D) Prid		Transac	ction(s)			(IIISU. 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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Yea	Code	Transaction Code (Instr.				6. Date Exercisable Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Am of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction((Instr. 4)	ly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisabl		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	1					
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$4	06/20/2018		A		21,400		(1)	C	06/20/2028	Common Stock	21,400	\$0.00	21,400)	D		

Explanation of Responses:

1. Options shall vest annually on the earlier of the one year anniversary of the Grant Date or the Company's next annual meeting, subject to director's continued service on the Board at such time.

Remarks:

/s/ Amoli Pandya, Attorney in 06/22/2018 **Fact**

** 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).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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