FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  ROGERS MICHAEL W					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Aerpio Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [ ARPO ]							(Che	ck all applica Director	•		on(s) to Issu 10% Ow Other (s	ner
	RPIO PHAI	rirst)	(Middle) LS, INC.		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/14/2019						X	below)	See Remar		below)	респу	
9987 CARVER ROAD, SUITE 420  (Street)  CINCINNATI OH 45242				4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						Line)	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)      X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip) ble I - Non-D	erivati	ve Se	ecurities	s Ac	quired D	isn	osed o	of or Re	neficially	Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date				Transactio	action 2A. Deemed Execution Date,		3. 4. Securities Acquired Disposed Of (D) (Instruction Code (Instruction)		ed (A) or	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
				Code			<i>,</i>	Amount	(A) oi (D)	Price	Transacti	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 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/Year	Code (Inst				6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea		of Securitie		es g Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		piration ite	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transactio (Instr. 4)	on(s)		
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$1.04	05/14/2019		A		169,500		(1)	05/	/14/2029	Common Stock	169,500	\$0.00	169,50	0	D	
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$1.04	05/14/2019		A		430,500		(2)	05/	/14/2029	Common Stock	430,500	\$0.00	430,50	0	D	

### Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Options exercisable as to 1/4th on the first anniversary of the grant date and an additional 1/48th monthly thereafter until the fourth anniversary of the grant date.
- 2.50% of the shares shall vest on June 30,2020 and the remaining 50% shall vest on June 30,2021.

### Remarks:

Chief Financial and Chief Business Officer

/s/ Amoli Pandya, Attorney in

05/16/2019

<u>Fact</u>

\*\* 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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