FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Cohen Cheryl</u>					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Aerpio Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [ ARPO ]						5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
								,				X Directo	r		10% Ow	ner
(Last)	•	rst) RMACEUTICAI	(Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/24/2020							Officer below)	(give title		Other (specifical of the other	pecify
9987 CARVER ROAD, SUITE 420					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable					
(Street)	circet) CINCINNATI OH 45242									- 1	X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(Si	tate)	(Zip)													
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																
Date				ransaction te onth/Day/Y	Execution Date,		Code (Inst	Transaction Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4) Code (Instr. 5)			5. Amour Securitie Beneficia Owned F Reported	s Fo	6. Own Form: I (D) or II (I) (Inst	Direct C ndirect E r. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
							Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transact (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)			(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	Date Execution (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date if any (Month/Day/Yea	Code (		of		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficiall Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	ly D	Downership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$1.22	06/24/2020		A		52,144		(1)	06/24/2030	Common Stock	52,144	\$0.00	52,144		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/ Joseph Gardner, Attorney in Fact

06/26/2020

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

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