## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>ROGERS MICHAEL W</u>			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Aerpio Pharmaceuticals, Inc.</u> [ ARPO ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify							
	(First) (Middle) PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. & ROAD, SUITE 420		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/23/2018	X below) below) Chief Financial Officer							
(Street) CINCINNATI (City)	OH (State)	45242 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	<ul> <li>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</li> <li>X Form filed by One Reporting Person</li> <li>Form filed by More than One Reporting Person</li> </ul>							
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned											

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	Date (Month/Day/Year)	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
		Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	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 8. Price of Derivative Security 3. Transaction 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount 9. Number of 10. 11. Nature 2 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) Ownership Form: Execution Date, if any Conversion Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) of Securities Underlying Derivative derivative of Indirect Date (Month/Day/Year) Beneficial or Exercise Securities Securities Price of Derivative Acquired (A) or Disposed Derivative Sec (Instr. 3 and 4) Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3) (Month/Day/Year) Security (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect Security of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Following (I) (Instr. 4) Reported Transaction(s) Amount (Instr. 4) Number Expiration Date Code v (A) (D) Exercisable Date Title of Shares

(1)

Explanation of Responses:

\$3.59

1. Options exercisable as to 1/4th on the first anniversary of the vesting start date and an additional 1/48th monthly thereafter until the fourth anniversary of the vesting start date.

144,000

Remarks:

Stock Option

Buy)

(Right to

## <u>/s/ Amoli Pandya, Attorney-in-</u> Fact <u>0</u>

144,000

\$0.00

Common

Stock

04/23/2028

04/25/2018

Date

144,000

D

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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).

04/23/2018

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