

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

(Amendment No.)*

Aerpio Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share

(Title of Class of Securities)

00810B105

(CUSIP Number)

June 30, 2021

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)
 Rule 13d-1(c)
 Rule 13d-1(d)

* The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

1	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY) RA Capital Management, L.P.	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Delaware	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH:	5	SOLE VOTING POWER 0
	6	SHARED VOTING POWER 1,574,806
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 1,574,806
9	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 1,574,806	
10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) <input type="checkbox"/>	
11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9 3.3% ¹	
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) IA, PN	

¹ On June 30, 2021 the reporting person acquired a beneficial ownership of greater than 5%. As of July 12, 2021 the reporting person has a beneficial ownership of 3.3%.

1	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY) Peter Kolchinsky	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION United States of America	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH:	5	SOLE VOTING POWER 0
	6	SHARED VOTING POWER 1,574,806
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11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9 3.3% ²	
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) HC, IN	

² On June 30, 2021 the reporting person acquired a beneficial ownership of greater than 5%. As of July 12, 2021 the reporting person has a beneficial ownership of 3.3%.

1	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY) Rajeev Shah	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION United States of America	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH:	5	SOLE VOTING POWER 0
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1	NAMES OF REPORTING PERSONS I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NOS. OF ABOVE PERSONS (ENTITIES ONLY) RA Capital Healthcare Fund, L.P.	
2	CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) (a) <input type="checkbox"/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/>	
3	SEC USE ONLY	
4	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Delaware	
NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH:	5	SOLE VOTING POWER 0
	6	SHARED VOTING POWER 1,574,806
	7	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER 0
	8	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 1,574,806
9	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 1,574,806	
10	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) <input type="checkbox"/>	
11	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9 3.3% ⁴	
12	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON (SEE INSTRUCTIONS) PN	

⁴ On June 30, 2021 the reporting person acquired a beneficial ownership of greater than 5%. As of July 12, 2021 the reporting person has a beneficial ownership of 3.3%.

Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:

Aerpio Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the "Issuer")

Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

9987 Carver Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45242

Item 2(a). Names of Persons Filing:

The names of the persons filing this report (collectively, the "Reporting Persons") are:

RA Capital Management, L.P. ("RA Capital")
Peter Kolchinsky
Rajeev Shah
RA Capital Healthcare Fund, L.P. (the "Fund")

Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence:

The address of the principal business office of each of the Reporting Persons is:

c/o RA Capital Management, L.P., 200 Berkeley Street, 18th Floor, Boston MA 02116

Item 2(c). Citizenship:

RA Capital and the Fund are Delaware limited partnerships. Dr. Kolchinsky and Mr. Shah are United States citizens.

Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities:

Common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share ("Common Stock")

Item 2(e). CUSIP Number:

00810B105

Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to §§ 240.13d-1(b) or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

Not applicable.

Item 4. Ownership.

The information required by this item with respect to each Reporting Person is set forth in Rows 5 through 9 and 11 of the cover pages to this Schedule 13G. The ownership percentages reported are based on 47,477,084 outstanding Common Stock, as reported in the Issuer's Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on July 8, 2021.

On June 30, 2021, the Fund acquired a beneficial ownership of the Issuer greater than 5%. As of July 12, 2021, the Fund directly holds 1,574,806 shares.

RA Capital Healthcare Fund GP, LLC is the general partner of the Fund. The general partner of RA Capital is RA Capital Management GP, LLC, of which Dr. Kolchinsky and Mr. Shah are the controlling persons. RA Capital serves as investment adviser for the Fund and may be deemed a beneficial owner, for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act"), of any securities of the Issuer held by the Fund. The Fund has delegated to RA Capital the sole power to vote and the sole power to dispose of all securities held in the Fund's portfolio, including the shares of the Issuer's Common Stock reported herein. Because the Fund has divested voting and investment power over the reported securities it holds and may not revoke that delegation on less than 61 days' notice, the Fund disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities it holds for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Act. As managers of RA Capital, Dr. Kolchinsky and Mr. Shah may be deemed beneficial owners, for purposes of Section 13(d) of the Act, of any securities of the Issuer beneficially owned by RA Capital. RA Capital, Dr. Kolchinsky, and Mr. Shah disclaim ownership of the securities reported in this Schedule 13G Statement (the "Statement") other than for the purpose of determining their obligations under Section 13(d) of the Act, and the filing of the Statement shall not be deemed an admission that either RA Capital, Dr. Kolchinsky, or Mr. Shah is the beneficial owner of such securities for any other purpose.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

If this statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the Reporting Persons have ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities, check the following

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Not applicable.

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company or Control Person.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not applicable.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not applicable.

Item 10. Certification.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect, other than activities solely in connection with a nomination under § 240.14a-11.

SIGNATURE

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of its knowledge and belief, each of the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: July 12, 2021

RA CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

By: /s/ Peter Kolchinsky
Name: Peter Kolchinsky
Title: Authorized Signatory

PETER KOLCHINSKY

/s/ Peter Kolchinsky

RAJEEV SHAH

/s/ Rajeev Shah

RA CAPITAL HEALTHCARE FUND, L.P.

By: RA Capital Healthcare Fund GP, LLC

By: /s/ Peter Kolchinsky
Name: Peter Kolchinsky
Title: Manager

AGREEMENT

This Joint Filing Agreement, dated as of July 12, 2021, is by and among RA Capital Management, L.P., Peter Kolchinsky, Rajeev Shah, and RA Capital Healthcare Fund, L.P. (the foregoing are collectively referred to herein as the "Filers").

Each of the Filers may be required to file with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission a statement on Schedule 13G and/or 13D with respect to Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share of Aerpio Pharmaceuticals, Inc. beneficially owned by them from time to time.

Pursuant to and in accordance with Rule 13(d)(1)(k) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Filers hereby agree to file a single statement on Schedule 13G and/or 13D (and any amendments thereto) on behalf of each of such parties, and hereby further agree to file this Joint Filing Agreement as an exhibit to such statement, as required by such rule.

This Joint Filing Agreement may be terminated by any of the Filers upon one week's prior written notice or such lesser period of notice as the Filers may mutually agree.

Executed and delivered as of the date first above written.

RA CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.

By: /s/ Peter Kolchinsky
Name: Peter Kolchinsky
Title: Authorized Signatory

PETER KOLCHINSKY

/s/ Peter Kolchinsky

RAJEEV SHAH

/s/ Rajeev Shah

RA CAPITAL HEALTHCARE FUND, L.P.

By: RA Capital Healthcare Fund GP, LLC

By: /s/ Peter Kolchinsky
Name: Peter Kolchinsky
Title: Manager
