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* <u>Castelein Caley</u>					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Aerpio Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [ ARPO ]							elationship deck all applic	cable)	g Perso	10% Ow	ner	
(Last)	C/O AERPIO PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/18/2019								Other (s below)	pecify	
9987 CARVER ROAD, SUITE 420					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street) CINCINNATI OH 45242			45242									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/Date)					Execution Date			Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)		ties Acquired (A) or d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and		5. Amour Securitie Beneficia Owned F Reported	s ally following	Form:	n: Direct r Indirect istr. 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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)				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 i	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$0.96	06/18/2019		A		21,400		(1)	06/18/2029	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 Fact 06/19/2019

\*\* 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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