Sardesai Niranjan Form 4 March 07, 2018

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

Sardesai Niranjan

(City)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

INOVIO PHARMACEUTICALS,

INC. [INO]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Zip)

660 W. GERMANTOWN PIKE, SUITE 110

(Street)

(Month/Day/Year)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

03/05/2018

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

below)

Chief Operating Officer

4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462 (State)

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)		Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		d of	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	03/05/2018		M	8,333	A	(1)	93,416	D	
Common Stock	03/05/2018		F(2)	2,815	D	\$ 4.29	90,601	D	

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

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Ar Underlying Se (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	03/05/2018		M		8,333	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock
Common Stock Option	\$ 4.29	03/05/2018		A	126,500		03/05/2018(3)	03/05/2028	Common Stock
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(4)</u>	03/05/2018		A	82,700		<u>(4)</u>	<u>(4)</u>	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Chief Operating Officer

Sardesai Niranjan

660 W. GERMANTOWN PIKE

SUITE 110

PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462

Signatures

/s/ Niranjan Sardesai 03/07/2018

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock. The vesting schedule for the 25,000 (1) restricted stock units was as follows: 8,334 shares vested on March 5, 2016; 8,333 shares vested on March 5, 2017; 8,333 shares vested on March 5, 2018. Vested units of restricted stock can be settled in shares of common stock, cash or a combination of both.
- (2) The transaction reported represents the withholding of shares by the issuer to satisfy the reporting person's tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting and settlement of the restricted stock unit award reported in footnote (1) herein.
- (3) The vesting schedule for the 126,500 options is as follows: 31,625 shares vested on March 5, 2018; 31,625 shares will vest on March 5, 2020; 31,625 shares will vest on March 5, 2021.
- Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock. The vesting schedule for the 82,700 (4) restricted stock units is as follows: 27,567 shares will vest on March 5, 2019; 27,567 shares will vest on March 5, 2020; 27,566 shares will vest on March 5, 2021. Vested units of restricted stock can be settled in shares of common stock, cash or a combination of both.

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