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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Middle)

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **KIES PETER**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

INOVIO PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. [INO]

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

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

below) 03/05/2018

PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 6769

(State)

MESA RIDGE ROAD

C/O INOVIO

(City)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Person

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(City)	(State)	Table	e I - Non-Do	erivative (Securi	ities Acq	quired, Disposed (of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	4. Securi on(A) or D		*	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	(D) (Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Beneficially Owned	(D) or Indirect (I)	Beneficial Ownership
					(A) or		Following Reported Transaction(s)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	03/05/2018		M	8,333	A	<u>(1)</u>	55,381	D	
Common Stock	03/05/2018		F(2)	3,407	D	\$ 4.29	51,974	D	
Common Stock							4,500	I	By Spouse

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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. Transaction 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 Ai 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

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Kelationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
PETER							

C/O INOVIO PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 6769 MESA RIDGE ROAD SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

Signatures

KIES

Peter Kies 03/07/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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.

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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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