

Recro Pharma, Inc.
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Celano Michael

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O RECRO PHARMA, INC., 490
LAPP ROAD

(Street)

MALVERN, PA 19335

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Recro Pharma, Inc. [REPH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)

01/18/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

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	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.33	01/18/2017	A	35,800					(1)	01/18/2027	Common Stock	35,800
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	01/18/2017	A	25,600					(3)	(3)	Common Stock	25,600

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Celano Michael C/O RECRO PHARMA, INC. 490 LAPP ROAD MALVERN, PA 19335			Chief Financial Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Donna Nichols, as Attorney-in-Fact 01/20/2017

__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).
- (1) The stock option vests in equal monthly installments over 48 months, beginning on the date that is one month from the date of grant, subject to continued employment with the Company.
- (2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock.
- (3) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments beginning January 18, 2018. Vested shares will be delivered to the reporting person within 30 days following each respective vesting date.

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