# INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF 

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Roberts Karen Lynn | 2. Date of EventRequiring Statement(Month/Day/Year)$04 / 10 / 2014$ |  | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Cerulean Pharma Inc. [ CERU ] |  |  |  |  |
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| (Last) (First) (Middle) |  |  | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer <br> (Check all applicable) |  |  | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |  |
| C/O CERULEAN PHARMA INC. |  |  | Director | 10\% Owner Other (specify below) |  |  |  |
| 840 MEMORIAL DRIVE |  |  | X Officer (give title below) |  |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) |  |
| (Street) <br> CAMBRIDGE MA 02139 |  |  | Sr VP Finance \& Administrat |  |  | X Form filed by One Reporting Person <br> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |
| (City) (State) (Zip) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) |  |  | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership <br> Form: Direct (D) <br> or Indirect (I) <br> (Instr. 5) |  | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |  |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) |  | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) |  | 4. <br> Conversion <br> or Exercise <br> Price of <br> Derivative <br> Security | 5. <br> Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|  | Date <br> Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |  |  |  |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | ${ }^{(1)}$ | 01/27/2021 | Common Stock | 10,559 ${ }^{(2)}$ | $3.34{ }^{(2)}$ | D |  |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | (3) | 01/24/2022 | 2 Common Stock | 13,786 ${ }^{(2)}$ | $3.77^{(2)}$ | D |  |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | (4) | 12/18/2022 | Common Stock | 14,693 ${ }^{(2)}$ | $3.92{ }^{(2)}$ | D |  |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | ${ }^{(5)}$ | 01/09/2024 | 4 Common Stock | 13,786 ${ }^{(2)}$ | $10.59{ }^{(2)}$ | D |  |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | 01/04/2014 ${ }^{(6)}$ | 03/03/2020 | Common Stock | 9,650 ${ }^{(2)(7)}$ | $3.34{ }^{(2)(7)}$ | D |  |

## Explanation of Responses:

1. This option was granted on January 28, 2011. This option vested as to $25 \%$ of the underlying shares on December 31, 2011, and vests as to an additional $2.08333 \%$ of the shares monthly thereafter through and including December 31, 2014.
2. Reflects a 1-for-14.5074 reverse stock split effected on March 31, 2014.
3. This option was granted on January 25, 2012. This option vested as to $25 \%$ of the underlying shares on December 31, 2012, and vests as to an additional $2.08333 \%$ of the shares monthly thereafter through and including December 31, 2015.
4. This option was granted on December 19,2012 . This option vested as to $25 \%$ of the underlying shares on December 31,2013 , and vests as to an additional $2.08333 \%$ of the shares monthly thereafter through and including December 31, 2016.
5. This option was granted on January 10, 2014. The shares under this option vest in 48 equal monthly installments from and after December 31, 2013 through December 31, 2017.
6. This option was granted on March 4, 2010. This option was fully vested as of January 4, 2014.
7. Reflects a reduction in exercise price on January 28, 2011 from $\$ 5.80$ per share to $\$ 3.34$ per share.

## Remarks:

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).
** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. $78 \mathrm{ff}(\mathrm{a})$
Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure
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Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby makes, constitutes and appoints each of Oliver S. Fetzer, Ph.D. and Christopher D.T. Guiffre, signing singly and each acting individually, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney in fact with full power and authority as hereinafter described to: (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Cerulean Pharma Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 (including any amendments thereto) in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder (the "Exchange Act");
(2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to prepare, complete and execute any such Form 3, 4 , or 5 , prepare, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely deliver and file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority;
(3) seek or obtain, as the undersigned's representative and on the undersigned's behalf, information regarding transactions in the Company's securities from any third party, including brokers, employee benefit plan administrators and trustees, and the undersigned hereby authorizes any such person to release any such information to such attorney in fact and approves and ratifies any such release of information; and
(4) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney in fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney in fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney in fact may approve in such attorney in fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney in fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney in fact, or such attorney in fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys in fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming nor relieving, nor is the Company assuming nor relieving, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Exchange Act. The undersigned acknowledges that neither the Company nor the foregoing attorneys in fact assume (i) any liability for the undersigned's responsibility to comply with the requirement of the Exchange Act, (ii) any liability of the undersigned for any failure to comply with such requirements, or (iii) any obligation or liability of the undersigned for profit disgorgement under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys in fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 30th day of March, 2014.
/s/ Karen Roberts
Signature

## Karen Roberts

Print Name

