

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>ONeill James E</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O CERULEAN PHARMA INC.</u> <u>35 GATEHOUSE DRIVE</u> (Street) <u>WALTHAM MA 02451</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Cerulean Pharma Inc. [CERU]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Principal Accounting Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/05/2017</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	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			

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 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 Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	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
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$0.82	01/05/2017		A		5,000		(1)	01/04/2027	Common Stock	5,000	\$0.00	5,000	D	
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Stock Option (right to buy)	\$0.82	01/05/2017		A		50,000		(2)	01/04/2027	Common Stock	50,000	\$0.00	50,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- This option was granted on January 5, 2017. The shares underlying the option are scheduled to vest in equal monthly installments over four years from January 1, 2017.
- This option was granted on January 5, 2017. The option is scheduled to vest as to 25% of the shares on the six-month anniversary of January 1, 2017 and as to an additional 25% of the original number of shares at the end of each six-month period of continuous service thereafter until January 1, 2019.

Remarks:

/s/ Alejandra Carvajal, as attorney-in-fact for James E. O'Neill 01/09/2017

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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 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).

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