## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Arbuckle Stuart A					2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Cerulean Pharma Inc. [ CERU ]											p of Reportin blicable)	,			
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O CERULEAN PHARMA INC.					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2017											er (give title	0	10% Owner Other (specify below)		
35 GATEHOUSE DRIVEE  (Street)  WALTHAM MA 02451				4. If										Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting						
(City)	(S	tate) (	Zip)		-											Pers	on			
		Tabl	le I - Nor	ո-Deriv	ative	Se	curitie	s Acc	quired,	Dis	posed o	f, o	r Ben	efici	ally	Owne	ed			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)						ur) E	Execution f any	A. Deemed xecution Date, any Month/Day/Year)				ies Acquired (A) Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			and Secu		cially d Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	ct	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
									Code	v	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(msu. 4)
Common Stock 0.				01/03	01/03/2017				A		7,467	,	Α	\$0.77(1)		13,104		D		
	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		3A. Deem Execution if any (Month/Da	Date,		ransaction ode (Instr.		of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4)			rative rity 7. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(: (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	D) ect	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)		Date Exercisa		Expiration Date	Title	of e Sha	res						

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Consists of shares of common stock issued in lieu of cash retainers for board and committee service in accordance with an election of the reporting person under the company's non-employee director compensation program. The number of shares is equal to the amount of the cash retainers that would otherwise have been payable to the reporting person for the fourth fiscal quarter of 2016 divided by \$0.77, the closing price of the company's common stock on the NASDAQ Global Market on January 3, 2017.

## Remarks:

/s/ Alejandra Carvajal, as attorney-in-fact for Stuart A.

Arbuckle \*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

01/05/2017

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

- $^{\star}$  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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