

INOVIO PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Form 4

May 15, 2017

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BENITO SIMON X**

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
**INOVIO PHARMACEUTICALS,  
INC. [INO]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**660 W. GERMANTOWN PIKE,  
SUITE 110**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**05/12/2017**

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

(Street)  
**PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462**

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

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

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V                                                                          | Amount                                                                                                             | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                     | Price                                                             |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 05/13/2017                              |                                                             | M                                       |                                                                            | 10,000                                                                                                             | A                                                                    | <u>11</u> 27,798                                                  |

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)**

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| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities Acquired<br>(A) or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |     | 7. Title and An<br>Underlying Se<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                    |                 |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
|                                                     |                                                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V                                                                                                      | (A)                                                            | (D) | Date Exercisable                                     | Expiration<br>Date | Title           |
| Restricted<br>Stock Unit                            | (2)                                                                   | 05/12/2017                              |                                                             | A                                       |                                                                                                        | 7,669                                                          |     | (2)                                                  | (2)                | Common<br>Stock |
| Common<br>Stock<br>Options                          | \$ 7.14                                                               | 05/12/2017                              |                                                             | A                                       |                                                                                                        | 12,500                                                         |     | 05/12/2018(3)                                        | 05/12/2027         | Common<br>Stock |
| Restricted<br>Stock Unit                            | (1)                                                                   | 05/13/2017                              |                                                             | M                                       |                                                                                                        | 10,000                                                         |     | (1)                                                  | (1)                | Common<br>Stock |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                                    | Relationships |           |         |       |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|                                                                                   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| BENITO SIMON X<br>660 W. GERMANTOWN PIKE, SUITE 110<br>PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Simon X.  
Benito

05/15/2017

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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock. These restricted stock units vested 100% on May 13, 2017.

(2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock. These restricted stock units will vest 100% on May 12, 2018.

(3) Options to vest 100% on May 12, 2018.

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