Sardesai Niranjan Form 4 March 13, 2018

FORM 4

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

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obligations

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Sardesai Niranjan Issuer Symbol INOVIO PHARMACEUTICALS, (Check all applicable) INC. [INO] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner Other (specify _X__ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) 660 W. GERMANTOWN 03/09/2018 **Chief Operating Officer** PIKE, SUITE 110 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year)

PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462

Applicable Line)

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(City)	(State) (Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securi	ties Acq	uired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Owned Indirect (I) Following (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	03/09/2018		M	25,000	A	<u>(1)</u>	115,601	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2018		F(2)	6,896	D	\$ 4.51	108,705	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2018		M	20,434	A	<u>(3)</u>	129,139	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2018		F(4)	5,653	D	\$ 4.51	123,486	D	

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 (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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Unit	(1)	03/09/2018		M		25,000	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	25,000
Restricted Stock Unit	(3)	03/10/2018		M		20,434	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	20,434

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Sardesai Niranjan 660 W. GERMANTOWN PIKE SUITE 110 PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462

Chief Operating Officer

Signatures

/s/ Niranjan
Sardesai

**Signature of Date

Reporting Person

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).
- Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock. The vesting schedule for the 75,000 (1) restricted stock units is as follows: 25,000 shares vested on March 9, 2017; 25,000 shares vested on March 9, 2018; 25,000 shares will vest on March 9, 2019. Vested units of restricted stock can be settled in shares of common stock, cash or a combination of both.
- (2) The transaction reported represents the withholding of shares by the issuer to satisfy the reporting person's tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting and settlement of the restricted stock unit award reported in footnote (1) herein.

(3)

Reporting Owners 2

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Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock. The vesting schedule for the 61,300 restricted stock units is as follows: 20,434 shares vested on March 10, 2018; 20,433 shares will vest on March 10, 2019; 20,433 shares will vest on March 10, 2020. Vested units of restricted stock can be settled in shares of common stock, cash or a combination of both.

(4) The transaction reported represents the withholding of shares by the issuer to satisfy the reporting person's tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting and settlement of the restricted stock unit award reported in footnote (3) herein.

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