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FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person **
KIES PETER

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

below)

Symbol

INOVIO PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. [INO]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of

(Zin)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

03/09/2018

____ Director _____ 10% Owner ____ X__ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify

below)

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C/O INOVIO

PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 6769

(Street)

(State)

MESA RIDGE ROAD

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Person

SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

(City)

(City)	(State) (A	Table	I - Non-D	erivative S	ecurit	ies Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, 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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	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	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	03/09/2018		M	25,000	A	<u>(1)</u>	76,974	D	
Common Stock	03/09/2018		F(2)	8,421	D	\$ 4.51	68,553	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2018		M	20,434	A	(3)	88,987	D	
Common Stock	03/10/2018		F(4)	6,899	D	\$ 4.51	82,088	D	
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Common Stock

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 2. Conversion Security (Instr. 3) Price of Derivative Security		3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative 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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		(
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(1)</u>	03/09/2018		M	25,000	<u>(1)</u>	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock	25,000	
Restricted Stock Unit	<u>(3)</u>	03/10/2018		M	20,434	(3)	(3)	Common Stock	20,434	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

KIES PETER C/O INOVIO PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 6769 MESA RIDGE ROAD SAN DIEGO, CA 92121

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Signatures

Peter Kies 03/13/2018 **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.

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- (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.
- Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock. The vesting schedule for the 61,300 (3) restricted stock units is as follows: 20,434 shares vested on March 10, 2018; 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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