

INOVIO PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Sardesai Niranjana

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 100

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 03/09/2016

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)
 Chief Operating Officer

(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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(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			

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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)						
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		
Common Stock Options	\$ 7.02	03/09/2016	A		67,500		03/09/2016 ⁽¹⁾	03/09/2026	Common Stock	67,500		
Restricted Stock Unit	⁽²⁾	03/09/2016	A		75,000		⁽²⁾	⁽²⁾	Common Stock	75,000		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Sardesai Niranjan 660 W. GERMANTOWN PIKE SUITE 100 PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA 19462	Chief Operating Officer

Signatures

/s/ Niranjan
Sardesai 03/11/2016

 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) The vesting schedule for the 67,500 options is as follows: 16,875 shares vested on March 9, 2016; 16,875 shares will vest on March 9, 2017; 16,875 shares will vest on March 9, 2018; 16,875 shares will vest on March 9, 2019.
- Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock. The vesting schedule for the 75,000
- (2) restricted stock units is as follows: 25,000 shares will vest on March 9, 2017; 25,000 shares will vest 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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