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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Ty	pe Response	s)														
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Rodgers Richard J				2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Ocuphire Pharma, Inc. [OCUP]							:	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  X Director 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O OCUPHIRE PHARMA, INC., 37000 GRAND RIVER AVE, SUITE 120				3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/01/2021							Office	r (give title belo	ow)	Other (specify	below)	
(Street) FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48335				4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)						-	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting PersonForm filed by More than One Reporting Person					
	(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, i any (Month/Day/Year		(Instr. 8)		(	4. Securities Acqui (A) or Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		of (D)	Beneficia	nt of Securities ally Owned Following I Transaction(s) and 4)		6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
								V	Amount (A) or (D)		Price					
Common	Common Stock 04/01/2021					A		2,581	A	<u>(1)</u>	26,221			D		
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Security	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/	Execution Date (Year)	Code (Instr. 8)		5. Number of Derivative 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)		Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4)	Owner Form of Deriva Securit Direct or Indi	of Benefici Ownersl (y: (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exerci		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Repor	ting O	wners														

	Relationships					
Reporting Owner Name / Address	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
Rodgers Richard J C/O OCUPHIRE PHARMA, INC. 37000 GRAND RIVER AVE, SUITE 120 FARMINGTON HILLS, MI 48335	X					

# **Signatures**

s/ Emily J. Johns, by Power of Attorney	04/05/2021		
**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).
- The Reporting Person was granted common stock in lieu of cash for Q1 2021 Board services. The number of shares of Common Stock having an aggregate fair market value equal to the aggregate amount of the Retainers for such fiscal quarter, determined by dividing (A) the aggregate amount of the Retainers by (B) the Fair Market Value of the Common Stock on last day of the fiscal quarter (rounded down to the nearest whole share). The Fair Market Value was \$5.81 per share, the closing price of the Company's stock on March 31, 2021.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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