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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| | Name and Address of Reporting Person* 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 11/01/2023 | | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Ocuphire Pharma, Inc. [OCUP] | | | | | |
|---------------------------|---|----------|--|---|---|---|--|---|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | | | ionship of Reporting Person(all applicable) | , | | mendment, Date of Original Filed n/Day/Year) |
| 37000 GRAND SUITE 120 | RIVER AVE | | | X | Officer (give title below) Chief Executive (| 10% Owner Other (specify below) Officer | | vidual or Joint/Group Filing (Check able Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person |
| (Street) FARMINGTON HILLS | N MI | 48335 | | | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or | <i>'</i> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| | | Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | or Exercise | on Form: Direct se (D) or | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | ative (Instr. 5) | |

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks

Exhibit 24, Power of Attorney, is attached.

No securities are beneficially owned.

/s/ Stephanie Swan, by Power of Attorney

** Signature of Reporting Person D

Date

11/03/2023

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (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).

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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Amy Rabourn, Emily J. Johns, Jessica Herron, Emphani Aldridge, Lauren Legner, and Stephanie Swan signing singly, his or her true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- 1. execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, with respect to the undersigned's position as a director and/or officer of Ocuphire Pharma, Inc. (the "Company"), Form ID and Forms 3, 4 and 5 (and any amendments thereto) in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules thereunder:
- 2. do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form ID or Forms 3, 4 or 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange, stock market or similar authority; and
- 3. take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, and in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of October 31, 2023.

| /s/ George Magrath | |
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| George Magrath | |