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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

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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Desire the Occurities Associated Discovered of an Desc				
(Street) FARMINGTON HILLS	MI	48335		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
C/O OCUPHIRE PHARMA, INC. 37000 GRAND RIVER AVE, SUITE 120			4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/01/2023	Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)			
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Rodgers Richard J</u>		son*	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			
affirmative defense 10b5-1(c). See Instr							

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. Transac Code (Ir 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)				Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	11/01/2023		A		35,000(1)	A	\$ <mark>0</mark>	173,246	D	

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

1. Title of 3A. Deemed 5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and 7. Title and Amount of 8. Price of 9. Number of 11. Nature 3. Transaction 10. Derivative Security (Instr. 3) Transaction Code (Instr. Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) Securities Underlying Derivative Security Conversion Date Execution Date Derivative Derivative derivative Ownership of Indirect Beneficial or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) Securities Securities if any Security Form: Price of (Month/Dav/Year) 8) Acquired (A) (Instr. 3 and 4) (Instr. 5) Beneficially Direct (D) Ownership or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Derivative Owned or Indirect (Instr. 4) (I) (Instr. 4) Security Following Reported Transaction(s) Amount (Instr. 4) or Date Expiration Number v (A) (D) Date Title Code Exercisable of Shares

Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents a grant of restricted stock units, which vest on the one-year anniversary of the date of grant.

/s/ Stephanie Swan, by Power of Attorney <u>11/13/2023</u>

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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 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).

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