FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## ATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Clifton R. LaDuane</u>					2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol KEMPHARM, INC [ KMPH ]						(Ch	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner			
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O KEMPHARM, INC. 2656 CROSSPARK ROAD, SUITE 100					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/11/2016							X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  Chief Financial Officer & Sec			
(Street) CORALY (City)	VILLE IA	tate)	52241 (Zip)					of Original File	`		Line	e) X Form fi Form fi Persor	led by One F led by More	iling (Check A Reporting Pers than One Rep	on
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned														
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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)															
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				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$12.62	02/11/2016		A		50,000		(1)	02/10/2026	Common Stock	50,000	\$0.00	50,000	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Grant to the Reporting Person of a stock option under the Issuer's 2014 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). 25% of the shares will vest on February 11, 2017 and the remaining 75% of the shares will vest in equal annual installments thereafter, provided that at the relevant vesting dates such optionee's employment relationship has not been terminated as defined in the Plan. All shares underlying the option will vest in full and become immediately exercisable upon a change of control of the Issuer or if the Reporting Person is terminated without cause or resigns for good reason. The option expires ten years after the date of

## Remarks:

/s/R. LaDuane Clifton

02/16/2016

\*\* 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).
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