FORM 3

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

# INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O KEMPHARM, INC.			Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director 10% Owner		(Mo	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)					
2656 CROSSPARK ROAD, SUITE 100			Officer (give title below)		Other (spec		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)				
(Street) CORALVILLE IA 52241								y One Reporting Person y More than One erson			
(City) (State) (Zip)											
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned											
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)			2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)				. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership 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)		3. Title and Amount of Securitic Underlying Derivative Security			4. Conversion or Exercise	Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)			
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title		Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)				
Stock Option (right to buy)	(1)	01/01/2021	Common	Stock	7,333	5.85	D				

#### Explanation of Responses:

1. Grant to the Reporting Person of a stock option under the Issuer's Incentive Stock Plan (the "Plan"). 2,666 shares subject to the option are vested, an additional 667 shares subject to the option shall vest upon the closing of an underwritten initial public offering of the Issuer's common stock with gross sale proceeds of at least \$5,000,000.00, and the remaining shares subject to the option vest in equal annual installments of 2,000 shares on each of December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2016, provided, if the Reporting Person is terminated without cause (as defined in the stock option agreement), then the vesting of the options will be accelerated with respect to 100% of the shares. The option expires ten years after the date of grant.

### Remarks:

/s/ James C.T. Linfield, Attorney-in-Fact 04/15/2015

\*\* 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 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).

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#### POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Travis Mickle, Gordon Johnson, James C.T. Linfield and Matthew P. Dubofsky, signing individually, the undersigned's true and lawful attorneys-in fact and agents to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, an officer, director or holder of 10% of more of a registered class of securities of KemPharm, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") and the rules thereunder;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned that may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute such Forms 3, 4 or 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such forms or amendments with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (3) take any other action of any nature whatsoever in connection with the foregoing that, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit, 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 Exchange Act.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the earliest to occur of (a) 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, (b) revocation by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact or (c) as to any attorney-in-fact individually, until such attorney-in-fact shall no longer be employed by the Company or Cooley LLP, as applicable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this  $3 \, \text{rd}$  day of March, 2015.