FORM 4

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

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Mickle Travis C					2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol KEMPHARM, INC [KMPH]									k all applica	able)	Perso	on(s) to Issu 10% Ow		
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O KEMPHARM, INC.					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/06/2019								X	Officer ( below)	give title Presider	nt & C	Other (s below) CEO	pecify	
1180 CELEBRATION BOULEVARD, SUITE 103																			
(Street) CELEBRATION FL 34747			4.	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 Form filed by More than One Reporting							
(City)	(City) (State) (Zip)													Person					
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
Date			Transaction te onth/Day/	Execution		Date,	Transaction Disposed Code (Instr.		rities Acquired (A) o d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4		and 5) Securitie Beneficia Owned F		s Fo ally (D) following (I)		: Direct   I Indirect   I str. 4)   (	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
								Code	,	Amount	Amount (A) or (D)		се	Transacti	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)	
Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)																			
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		Derivative		6. Date Exercisable Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			and 7. Title and Amo of Securities Underlying Derivative Secu (Instr. 3 and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Ex	piration ite	Title	Amou or Numb of Sha	er		(Instr. 4)	on(s)			
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$2.66	02/06/2019		A		420,000		(1)	02	/05/2029	Common Stock	420,0	000	\$0	420,00	00	D		
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$2.66	02/06/2019		A		60,000		(2)	02	/05/2029	Common Stock	60,0	000	\$0	60,00	0	I	By Spouse	

## 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 6, 2020 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 grant.

2. Grant to the Reporting Person's spouse of a stock option under the Plan. 25% of the shares will vest on February 6, 2020 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's spouse is terminated without cause or resigns for good reason. The option expires ten years after the date of grant.

/s/ Timothy J. Sangiovanni,
Attorney-in-Fact for Travis C. 02/08/2019
Mickle

\*\* 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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