

OCERA THERAPEUTICS, INC.

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FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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| Telephone | 6504625800 |
| CIK | 0001274644 |
| Symbol | OCRX |
| SIC Code | 2834 - Pharmaceutical Preparations |
| Industry | Pharmaceuticals |
| Sector | Healthcare |
| Fiscal Year | 12/31 |

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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or
Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Byrnes Michael <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small> C/O OCERA THERAPEUTICS, INC., 525 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, SUITE 610 <small>(Street)</small> PALO ALTO, CA 94301 <small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small> | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Ocera Therapeutics, Inc. [OCRX] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) CFO and Treasurer |
| 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) <p align="center">3/28/2017</p> | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Trans. Date | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 3. Trans. Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|------------|----------|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 3/28/2017 | | P | | 3000 | A | \$1.2848 | 13000 | D | |

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

| 1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Trans. Date | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Trans. Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Byrnes Michael C/O OCERA THERAPEUTICS, INC. 525 UNIVERSITY AVENUE, SUITE 610 PALO ALTO, CA 94301 | | | CFO and Treasurer | |

Signatures

/s/ **Michael Byrnes**

3/28/2017

**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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