

**KITE PHARMA, INC.**  
Reported by  
**WITTE OWEN N.**

**FORM 3**  
(Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership)

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Address	2225 COLORADO AVENUE SANTA MONICA, CA 90404
Telephone	(310) 824-9999
CIK	0001510580
Symbol	KITE
SIC Code	2836 - Biological Products, Except Diagnostic Substances
Industry	Biotechnology & Medical Research
Sector	Healthcare

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (MM/DD/YYYY)		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		
WITTE OWEN N.			3/14/2017		Kite Pharma, Inc. [KITE]		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
C/O KITE PHARMA, INC., 2225 COLORADO AVENUE			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)				
(Street)			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)		
SANTA MONICA, CA 90404					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)			(State)		(Zip)		

### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	81650	D	

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

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (MM/DD/YYYY)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Option to Purchase Common Stock (Right to Buy)	(1)	6/8/2025	Common Stock	2500	\$62.44	D	
Option to Purchase Common Stock (Right to Buy)	(2)	10/3/2026	Common Stock	30000	\$55.09	D	
Option to Purchase Common Stock (Right to Buy)	(3)	6/6/2024	Common Stock	20000	\$6.89	D	

#### Explanation of Responses:

- (1) The option is fully vested and exercisable.
- (2) 1/36th of the shares subject to the option vested on October 3, 2016, and the remaining shares vest and become exercisable in 35 equal monthly installments thereafter, on the last day of each month.
- (3) The option was granted on June 6, 2014 and vests in four equal annual installments beginning on the first anniversary of the date of grant.

#### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WITTE OWEN N. C/O KITE PHARMA, INC. 2225 COLORADO AVENUE SANTA MONICA, CA 90404	X			

**Signatures**

/s/ David M. Tanen, Attorney-in-Fact

3/16/2017

—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 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 Cynthia M. Butitta, David Tanen and Scott Navins of Kite Pharma, Inc. (the "Company"), signing individually, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in fact and agent to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, an officer, director or holder of 10% or more of a registered class of securities of 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 Form 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 which, 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 each of the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, is 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 attorney-in-fact or (c) until such attorney-in-fact shall no longer be employed by the Company.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 14th day of March, 2017.

*/s/ Owen N. Witte*