

**KITE PHARMA, INC.**  
Reported by  
**BUTITTA CYNTHIA M**

**FORM 4**  
(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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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

<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</b>  <b>BUTITTA CYNTHIA M</b> (Last) (First) (Middle)  <b>C/O KITE PHARMA, INC., 2225 COLORADO AVENUE</b> (Street)  <b>SANTA MONICA, CA 90404</b> (City) (State) (Zip)	<b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b>  <b>Kite Pharma, Inc. [ KITE ]</b>	<b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b> (Check all applicable)  <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>X</b> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>Chief Operating Officer</b>
<b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)</b>  <p align="center"><b>3/9/2017</b></p>		<b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
<b>4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)</b>		

**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	3/9/2017		M		21118	A	\$1.35	138913	D	
Common Stock	3/9/2017		S	(1)	12127	D	\$80.47 (2)	126786	D	
Common Stock	3/9/2017		S	(1)	8991	D	\$81.20 (3)	117795	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)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$1.35	3/9/2017		M		21118		(4)	3/25/2024	Common Stock	21118	\$0.00	155394	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- 1) The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on May 24, 2016.
- 2) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$80.00 to \$80.95, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth above.
- 3) The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$81.01 to \$81.52, inclusive. The reporting person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range set forth above.
- 4) 108,839 of the 435,394 shares originally subject to the stock option vested and became exercisable on December 15, 2014, and 9,071 shares vest monthly thereafter.

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
<b>BUTITTA CYNTHIA M C/O KITE PHARMA, INC. 2225 COLORADO AVENUE SANTA MONICA, CA 90404</b>			<b>Chief Operating Officer</b>	

**Signatures**

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

3/10/2017

    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).

\*\* 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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