FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person* Saluri Joseph					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol KEMPHARM, INC [KMPH]							(Che	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issue Check all applicable) X Director 10% Own				
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O KEMPHARM, INC.					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/22/2018							Officer (below)	give title		Other (s below)	pecify	
2500 CROSSPARK ROAD, SUITE E126				4	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable					
(Street) CORALVILLE IA 52241										Line	X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City)	(State)	(Zip)														
		Ta	ble I - Non-I	Derivati	ve Se	ecurities	Acc	luired, Γ	Disp	osed of	, or Ben	eficiall	y Owned				
Date				. Transacti ate Month/Day	Execution Date,		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities Acquir Disposed Of (D) (In 5)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		Form:	Direct Indirect Introduced Interest Int	7. Nature of ndirect Beneficial Ownership		
								Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transacti	nsaction(s) str. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)
			Table II - De			urities <i>A</i> Is, warra							Owned				
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/Yea	Code	action (Instr.	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		е	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio	e s lly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisab		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)	on(s)		
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$6.1 ⁽¹⁾	05/22/2018		A		15,000 ⁽²⁾		(3)		05/21/2028	Common Stock	15,000	\$0	15,000	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The exercise price is equal to the closing price of the Issuer's common stock on the Nasdaq Global Market on the date of grant, May 22, 2018.
- 2. This grant was awarded as compensation for the Reporting Person's service on the Issuer's board of directors pursuant to the Issuer's non-employee director compensation policy.
- 3. One hundred percent (100%) of the shares subject to the option shall vest on the earlier of (i) the first anniversary of the date of grant, (ii) one day prior to the date of the first annual meeting of the Issuer's stockholders following the date of grant or (iii) immediately prior to a change in control of the Issuer, subject in each case to the Reporting Person's continued service on such vesting date.

/s/ Timothy J. Sangiovanni,

Attorney-in-Fact for Joseph B. 05/24/2018

<u>Saluri</u>

** 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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