FORM 4

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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Instruction 1(b).

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Parkinson David Ross						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Cerulean Pharma Inc. [ CERU ]								Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     X Director 10% Owner					
	O CERULEAN PHARMA INC.						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/26/2015								Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)				
840 MEMORIAL DRIVE							4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)				
(Street) CAMBRIDGE MA 02139														X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)																
		Tab	ole I - Nor	n-Deriv	ative	e Se	curities	s Ac	quired, D	ispo	osed o	f, or Be	neficial	y Owned	l				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)						ear)	Execution if any	A. Deemed Execution Date, f any Month/Day/Year)		ion	4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)			Benefici Owned F	es ally Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
									Code V	,	Amount (/		Price	Transact	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 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)	tive Conversion Date Execution Date, ty or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any			Date, T	4. Transa Code (I 3)		of		6. Date Exercisable Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			e and 7. Title and Amou of Securities Underlying Derivative Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	e s lly	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		piration te	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$4.78	06/26/2015			A		7,000		(1)	06/	/25/2025	Common Stock	7,000	\$0.00	7,000	)	D		
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$4.78	06/26/2015			A		11,000		(2)	06/	/25/2025	Common Stock	11,000	\$0.00	11,000	0	D		

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. This option was granted June 26, 2015. The shares underlying this option vest in three equal annual installments on October 29, 2015, October 29, 2016 and October 29, 2017, respectively.
- 2. This option was granted on June 26, 2015. The shares vest in full on the earlier of June 26, 2016 or immediately prior to the Corporation's 2016 annual meeting of stockholders, subject to Dr. Parkinson's continued service as a director of the Corporation through such date.

#### Remarks:

/s/ Alejandra Carvajal, as attorney-in-fact for David R.

06/30/2015

\*\* 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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### LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR SECTION 16 REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby makes, constitutes and appoints each of Ronan O'Brien and Alejandra Carvajal, signing singly and each acting individually, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney in fact with full power and authority as hereinafter described to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer, director and/or stockholder of Cerulean Pharma Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 (including any amendments thereto) in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder (the "Exchange Act");
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to prepare, complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, prepare, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely deliver and file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority;
- (3) seek or obtain, as the undersigned's representative and on the undersigned's behalf, information regarding transactions in the Company's securities from any third party, including brokers, employee benefit plan administrators and trustees, and the undersigned hereby authorizes any such person to release any such information to such attorney in fact and approves and ratifies any such release of information; and
- (4) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney in fact, may be of benefit to, 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 the foregoing attorneys in fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming nor relieving, nor is the Company assuming nor relieving, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Exchange Act. The undersigned acknowledges that neither the Company nor the foregoing attorneys in fact assume (i) any liability for the undersigned's responsibility to comply with the requirement of the Exchange Act, (ii) any liability of the undersigned for any failure to comply with such requirements, or (iii) any obligation or liability of the undersigned for profit disgorgement under Section 16(b) of the Exchange

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until 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, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys in fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 26th day of June, 2015.

Signature

/s/ David R. Parkinson David R. Parkinson Print Name