FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Gullans Steven R. Ph.D.							2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Gemphire Therapeutics Inc. [ GEMP ]									onship of Reporting I all applicable) Director		Person(s) to Issuer  10% Owner	
(Last) (First) (Middle) 43334 SEVEN MILE ROAD SUITE 1000							3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/10/2016								Officer (g below)	ive title		Other (s below)	·
(Street) NORTHVILLE MI 48167					- <del> </del> 4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
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											ode V Amoun		(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(Instr. 4)
Common Stock 08/					/10/2016				С	С 306,0		A	\$6.7059 306,0		)25		I	Held by Excel Venture Fund II, L.P. <sup>(1)</sup>	
Common Stock 08/					08/10/2016						500,000	A	\$10	806,025		I		Held by Excel Venture Fund II, L.P. <sup>(1)</sup>	
									ties Acqui warrants, o						vned		,		
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversi or Exerci Price of Derivative Security	se (Month/Day/	te Execu onth/Day/Year) if any	3A. Deemed Execution Da if any (Month/Day/Y	ate,	Code (Instr.		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/		ate	7. Title and of Security Underlying Derivative (Instr. 3 and	ies g Security	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numb derivativ Securitie Beneficie Owned Followin Reported	ve Owes Fo ally Dir	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
						Code	le V	(A)	(D)	Date Exerc	isable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		Transaci (Instr. 4)	tion(s)		
8% Convertible Subordinated Promissory	\$6.7059	08/10/	2016			С			\$2,000,000 <sup>(2)</sup>	(	2)	(2)	Common Stock	306,025	\$0 (		I		Held by Excel Venture Fund II,

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The reporting person, as the Manager of Excel Venture Fund II, L.P., beneficially owns the reported securities indirectly, but disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest
- 2. The note was issued in the original principal amount of \$2,000,000. The outstanding principal and \$52,164 of accrued interest on the note automatically converted into shares of Common Stock immediately prior to the closing of the Company's initial public offering.

/s/ Stephanie Swan, by Power of **Attorney** 

08/12/2016

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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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