

INTERCEPT PHARMACEUTICALS INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Durso Jerome Benedict

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O INTERCEPT
 PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 450
 W. 15TH STREET, SUITE 505

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10011

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

INTERCEPT
 PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ICPT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/23/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Chief Operating Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/23/2017		A		15,000 (1)	A	\$ 0
					15,000	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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/Year)	4. Transaction 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 (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 115.93	02/23/2017		A	20,000	(2) 02/23/2027	Common Stock	20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Durso Jerome Benedict
 C/O INTERCEPT PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.
 450 W. 15TH STREET, SUITE 505
 NEW YORK, NY 10011

Chief Operating Officer

Signatures

/s/ Bryan Yoon, as attorney-in-fact

02/27/2017

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) 25% of the shares of restricted stock will vest on February 23, 2018, subject to the terms and conditions of the award and the Intercept Pharmaceuticals, Inc. 2012 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2012 Plan"). The remaining shares of restricted stock will vest pro rata on every subsequent three-month anniversary of the initial vesting date through February 23, 2021 (representing the vesting on each such vesting date of 6.25% of the shares of restricted stock), subject to the terms and conditions of the award and the 2012 Plan.

(2) 25% of the shares of common stock underlying this option will vest on February 23, 2018, subject to the terms and conditions of the award and the 2012 Plan. The remainder of the shares of common stock underlying this option will vest pro rata on a monthly basis after the initial vesting date through February 23, 2021 (representing the vesting on each such vesting date of approximately 2.0833% of the shares of common stock initially underlying this option), subject to the terms and conditions of the award and the 2012 Plan.

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