## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Instruction 1(b)

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Schrepfer Robert W  (Last) (First) (Middle)  C/O ANI PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.  210 MAIN STREET WEST  (Street)  BAUDETTE MN 56623						Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol     ANI PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ ANIP ]      Just of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)     03/01/2018  4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner  X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  SVP - New Bus Dev & Spec Sales  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting					
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)											Person						
Table I - Non-Deriva  1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transact Date (Month/Day)					action	ion 2A. Deemed Execution Date,			3. Transa Code (	action	4. Securities Acquired (A) on Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			5. Amount of		nt of es ally Following	Form (D) or	: Direct r Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
									Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Tra	insaci	tion(s) and 4)			(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock 03/01/2						.018			М		18,750	A	\$28.7	76 41,		,590		D		
Common Stock 03/01/2						3			S	s 5,49		D	\$60.33	3(1)	36,092			D		
Common Stock 03/01/2					L/2018	2018					10,800	D	\$61.64	64 <sup>(2)</sup> 25,2		,292	D			
Common Stock 03/01/2					L/ <b>201</b> 8	3					11,954	D	\$62.2	<b>5</b> (3)	13,338		D			
Common Stock 03/01/2						3			S		400	D	\$63.0	)7	12,938		D			
		-	Table II ·								osed of, convertil			/ Own	ed			,	•	
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deem Executior if any (Month/Da	Date,	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		n of		6. Date I Expiration (Month/I	on Da		7. Title an of Securit Underlyin Derivative (Instr. 3 an	ies g Security	Deriva Secur	. Price of Perivative Security Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	is illy	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa	able	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares							
Stock	\$28.76	03/01/2018			M			18,750	(4)		08/19/2024	Common	18,750	\$	)	6,250		D		

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$60.00 to \$60.98. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
- 2. This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$61.00 to \$61.97. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
- 3. This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$62.00 to \$62.95. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
- 4. The options vest and become exercisable in equal annual amounts over a four-year period beginning on the first anniversary of the grant date. The grant date of the options was August 20, 2014.

/s/ Robert Schrepfer

03/05/2018

\*\* 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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