FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Brown Robert E. JR					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ANI PHARMACEUTICALS INC [ANIP]								(Ch	Relationship eck all appli X Directo	cable) or	g Pers	son(s) to Iss			
(Last) C/O ANI	`	irst) ((Middle)			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/31/2017									Officer below)	(give title		Other (s below)	specify	
210 MAIN STREET WEST						If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable					
(Street) BAUDETTE MN 56623														- 1	Line) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City) (State) (Zip)																				
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Date)						Execution		n Date,	Transaction Dispose Code (Instr. 5)		rities Acquired (A ed Of (D) (Instr. 3,		(A) or 3, 4 and	Benefici	es ally Following	Form (D) or	: Direct Indirect str. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
									Code	v	Amount	(A (D) or)	Price	Transaci (Instr. 3	tion(s)			(instr. 4)	
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾ 03/31/2					/2017		A		1,000	1,000 A		\$ <mark>0</mark>	16	16,568		D				
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)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution I if any (Month/Day	Date,	Code (Ins				6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		Amount of Securities Underlying		ount of urities erlying vative Security		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	e (Caracasas de Caracas de Caraca	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)		Date Exercisabl		xpiration ate	Title	or Ni of	umber						
Stock Options ⁽¹⁾	\$49.51	03/31/2017	03/31/20)17	A		3,250	П	03/31/2017	7 03	3/30/2027	Commo		,250	\$0	3,250		D		

Explanation of Responses:

1. The restricted stock and stock options vest on the first anniversary of the grant date.

/s/ Robert E. Brown, Jr. 04/04/2017

** Signature of Reporting Person

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

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