FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  MATHIESEN JEFFREY S						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Gemphire Therapeutics Inc. [ GEMP ]							5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issue (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owne  Officer (give title Other (spe					
					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/28/2018							helow)			below)			
SUITE 401						If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable					
(Street) LIVONIA MI 4		48152	4.	4. II Amendment, Date of Original Pileu (World // Day/ Tear)						Lin	e) X Form f Form f	Form filed by One Reporting Person  Form filed by More than One Reporting  Person						
(City)	(S	tate)	(Zip)									F 61301	•					
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Da					Execution Date,			Code (Instr. 5)				Beneficia Owned F	s Form ally (D) o ollowing (I) (In		Direct o ndirect B tr. 4) C	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
								Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transact (Instr. 3 a	ion(s)		"	nstr. 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)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Dat if any (Month/Day/Yo	Code (				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amou of Securities Underlying Derivative Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	i C i F ily C	LO. Dwnership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares							
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$10.1	01/28/2018		A		48,000		(1)	01/27/2028	Common Stock	48,000	\$0	48,000	)	D			

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. The option vests in a series of 48 successive equal monthly installments on the last day of each month, commencing on the grant date.

/s/ Stephanie Swan, by Power

of Attorney

01/30/2018

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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