Instruction 1(b).

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* O'Keeffe Charles B (Last) (First) (Middle) | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CATALYST PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. [CPRX] | | | | | | | | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) below) below) | | | | ner |
|---|--|--|--|----------------|-----------------------------|---|--|-------------|--|--|-----------------------|---|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| 355 ALHAMBRA CIRCLE, SUITE 1250 | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2018 | | | | | | | | , | | | ŕ | |
| (Street) CORAL GABLES FL 33 | | | 33134 | | 4. If A | Line) X Form f | | | | | | | Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable illed by One Reporting Person illed by More than One Reporting | | | | | |
| (City) | (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transar Date (Month/Date) | | | | Execution Date | | | Date, | Code (Insti | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5) | | | Benefici | es ally Following | Form (D) o | : Direct r Indirect str. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | | Code V | | Amount | nt (A) or (D) | | Transaci (Instr. 3 | tion(s) | | | (IIISU. 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 Da if any (Month/Day/Y | Co | Transaction Code (Instr. | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | | 7. Title and Amou of Securities Underlying Derivative Securi (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Numbe derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | e s Illy | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Co | ode V | , | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | | piration ate | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | |
| Options to purchase common stock | \$4.01 | 01/02/2018 | | | A | | 20,000 | | 01/02/2018 | 01 | /02/2025 | Common Stock | 20,000 | \$0 | 220,00 | 00 | D | |
| Options to purchase common stock | \$4.01 | 01/02/2018 | | | A | | 20,000 | | 01/02/2019 | 01 | /02/2025 | Common Stock | 20,000 | \$0 | 240,00 | 00 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Charles B. O'Keeffe

01/04/2018

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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