FORM 3

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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| BLECH ISAAC  | 2. Date of Event<br>Requiring Statement<br>(Month/Day/Year)<br>08/11/2016 |                    | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Diffusion Pharmaceuticals Inc.</u> [ DFFN ] |   |   |  |   |  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 2020 AVON COURT, SUITE 4   |   |                    | Relationship of Reporting Perso (Check all applicable)     X Director                      | on(s) to Issuer   | (Mo                                     | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |   |  |
|  |   |                    | Officer (give title  | Other (spec   |   | dividual or Joint<br>licable Line)                       | /Group Filing (Check  |  |
| (Street)   |   |                    | below)   | below)  | 799                                     | ,  | y One Reporting Person                                      |  |
| CHARLOTTESVILLE VA 22902   |   |                    |  |   |   | Form filed b<br>Reporting P                              | y More than One<br>erson                                    |  |
| (City) (State) (Zip)   |   |                    |  |   |   |  |   |  |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned   |   |                    |  |   |   |  |   |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)  |   |                    | Amount of Securities eneficially Owned (Instr. 4)  | 3. Ownershi<br>Form: Direc<br>or Indirect (<br>(Instr. 5) | m: Direct (D) (Instr. 5)<br>ndirect (I) |  | ure of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>5)                  |  |
| Common Stock   |   |                    | 28,334   | D   |   |  |   |  |
| Common Stock   |   |                    | 11,905   | I   | By Spouse <sup>(1)</sup>                |  |   |  |
| Common Stock   |   |                    | 154,763  | I   | By Trusts <sup>(1)(2)</sup>             |  |   |  |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |   |                    |  |   |   |  |   |  |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)   | 2. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year)            |                    | 3. Title and Amount of Securities<br>Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)             |   | 4.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise         | 5.<br>Ownership<br>Form:                                 | 6. Nature of Indirect<br>Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |  |
|  | Date<br>Exercisable   | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                    | Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security      | Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 5)              |   |  |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)  | (3)   | 01/06/2024         | Common Stock   | 1,745   | 30                                      | D  |   |  |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy)  | (4)   | 07/23/2024         | Common Stock   | 8,745   | 39.2                                    | D  |   |  |
| Warrant (Right to Buy)   | (5)   | 08/20/2017         | Common Stock   | 5,000   | 380                                     | D  |   |  |
| Warrant (Right to Buy)   | (5)   | 10/21/2018         | Common Stock   | 7,500   | 48                                      | D  |   |  |

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these shares in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of all of the reported shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- 2. Includes 11,905 shares owned by the River Charitable Remainder Unitrust f/b/o Isaac Blech, 71,429 shares owned by the West Charitable Remainder Trust and 71,429 shares owned by the Liberty Charitable Remainder Trust f/b/o Isaac Blech.
- 3. The option was originally granted on January 7, 2014 and vested in full in accordance with the terms of the underlying option award agreement upon the completion of the Issuer's merger with Diffusion Pharmaceuticals LLC on January 8, 2016.
- 4. The option was originally granted on July 24, 2014 and vested in full in accordance with the terms of the underlying option award agreement upon the completion of the Issuer's merger with Diffusion Pharmaceuticals LLC on January 8, 2016.
- 5. Warrant is currently exercisable.

/s/ Isaac Blech

08/30/2016

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).
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