FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  ELDER WILLIAM ROBERT  (Last) (First) (Middle)  1317 CARLTON AVENUE, SUITE 200				<u>Di</u>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol     Diffusion Pharmaceuticals Inc. [ DFFN ]  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/22/2020							(Ch	Relationship of eck all applications of the control	cable) or (give title		10% Ow Other (s below)	ner	
(Street) CHARLOTTESVILLE VA 22902 (City) (State) (Zip)				4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						Line	Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																	
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							Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transact (Instr. 3	ion(s)			(11/341. 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)	perivative Conversion Date Execution Date, To Courtly or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		ransad ode (l	ansaction of lode (Instr. Derivative (		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 of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4)		Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)			
				c	ode	v	(A)		Date Exercisabl		xpiration ate	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					
Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$0.82	09/22/2020			A		70,000		(2)	0	9/22/2030	Common Stock	70,000	\$0	70,00	0	D	

## Explanation of Responses:

- 1. In connection with the Reporting Person's new employment with the Issuer, the Compensation Committee of the Issuer's Board of Directors approved the grant of non-qualified stock options to the Reporting Person. The grant was made as an inducement material to the Reporting Person's acceptance of employment with the Issuer, in accordance with NASDAQ Listing Rule 5635(c)(4).
- 2. The shares underlying the options will vest in 36 equal (or as nearly equal as possible) monthly installments on the last calendar day of each month over a 36-month period beginning October 31, 2020.

/s/ William R. Elder

10/14/2020

\*\* 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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