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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Wenqing Yao | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol INCYTE CORP [INCY] | | | | | | | (Ch | eck all applic Directo | r | | 10% Ov | 10% Owner Other (specify | | |
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| | NGTON D | | 19803 | | 4. 1 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | Line |) K Form fi Form fi | idual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
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| | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Da | | | | | Execution Date, | | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4) 5) | | | | | | Form: Dire y (D) or Indi | | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | t (A) or (D) | | Price | Transact (Instr. 3 | ion(s) | | | (111341.4) |
| Common Stock 01/15. | | | | 5/202 | 2021 | | A | | 11,522 ⁽¹⁾ A | | \$0.00 | 143,7 | 143,784 ⁽²⁾⁽³⁾ | | 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) | Derivative Conversion Date Execution Date, T Security or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any C | | | Code (I | nsaction of E | | | 5. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) 7. Title and of Securiti Underlying Derivative (Instr. 3 an | | | rities /ing ive Se | curity | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | tive derivative sy Securities | Owners Form Direct or Inc. (I) (Inc.) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | | Date Exercisab | | Expiration Date | Title | or Nu of | umber | | | | | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | \$90.56 | 01/15/2021 | | | A | | 12,743 | | (4) | (| 01/14/2031 | Commo Stock | | 2,743 | \$0.00 | 12,743 | 3 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Represents award of restricted stock units ("RSUs") that will vest 100% on the fourth anniversary of the grant date of January 15, 2021, subject to Wenqing Yao's continued service with the Issuer through the applicable vesting date. The RSUs may be settled only for shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- 2. Including the January 15, 2020 Restricted Stock Unit Grant, this includes an aggregate of 108,222 shares of common stock issuable pursuant to previously reported restricted stock units and earned performance stock units that have not vested.
- 3. This total excludes 24,589 shares that were erroneously reported as being owned by the reporting person in the reporting persons Form 4 filed on June 22, 2020 and three Forms 4 filed by the reporting person after that date.
- 4. Beginning January 15, 2021, options become exercisable in 37 installments, with the first 25.00% vesting on July 2, 2021 and the remainder vesting monthly over three years.

Remarks:

/s/ Wenqing Yao

01/20/2021

** 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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