FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Wenqing Yao | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol INCYTE CORP [INCY] | | | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner | | | | | |
|--|---|----------------------|--|---------------|--------------|---|---|--------------|-----------|------------------------------------|---------------|--|---|-------------|--|---|---|---------------|--|---|--|
| (Last) 1801 AU | | (First) E CUT-OFF | (Middle) | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/01/2019 | | | | | | | | | | | Officer (give title below) EVP, Head of I | | Other (s below) overy Cher | · | |
| (Street) WILMINGTON DE 19803 (City) (State) (Zip) | | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| | | Tak | le I - No | n-Deriv | ative | e Se | curit | ies Ad | equ | ıired, I | Disp | osed c | of, or l | Bene | eficial | ly Owne | d | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transac Date (Month/Da | | | | | | ar) E | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | | 3. Transac Code (Ir 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5) | | | (A) or 3, 4 and | Benefic Owned | es ially Following | Form (D) o | n: Direct or Indirect nstr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | v | Amount | (A) or (D) Pri | | Price | Transac | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common | Stock | 1/2019 | 2019 | | | | М | | 7,960 |) | A | \$18.3 | 2 10 | 103,268 | | D | | | | | |
| Common Stock 11/01/ | | | | | | 2019 | | | | S | | 7,960 |) | D | \$85(| 95,308 ⁽²⁾ | | | D | | |
| | | | Γable II - | | | | | | | | | sed of | | | | Owned | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversio or Exercis Price of Derivative Security | e (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deem Executior if any (Month/Da | ed n Date, | 4. Transa | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. | | 5. Number of | | Date Exe piration I onth/Day | rcisa Date | ble and | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Securit (Instr. 3 and 4) | | ecurity | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following Reported Transactio (Instr. 4) | e (| 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Da: Ex | ite ercisable | | xpiration ate | Title | 0 N 0 | Amount or lumber of Shares | | | | | | |
| Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to | \$18.32 | 11/01/2019 | | | М | | | 7,960 | | (3) | 0: | 2/08/2020 | Comm Stock | | 7,960 | \$0.00 | 52,542 | 2 | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. This transaction was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by reporting person.
- 2. This includes an aggregate of 63,951 shares of common stock issuable pursuant to previously reported restricted stock units and earned performance stock units that have not vested.
- 3. Beginning February 9, 2013, options become exercisable in 25 installments, with the first 33.33% vesting after one year and the remainder vesting monthly over two years

Remarks:

/s/ Paul Trower, Attorney-In-

11/05/2019

Fact

** 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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Know all by these presents that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Maria E. Pasquale, Christiana Stamoulis, Michael J. Purvis and Paul Trower, signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Incyte Corporation (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of July 17, 2019.

/s/ Wenqing Yao Wenqing Yao