

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Wenqing Yao</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1801 AUGUSTINE CUT-OFF</u> (Street) <u>WILMINGTON DE 19803</u> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>INCYTE CORP [INCY]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>EVP, Head of Discovery Chem</u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/14/2019</u> | |
| | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | |
| | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/14/2019 | | A | | 5,389 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$0.00 | 39,798 ⁽²⁾ | 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) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- Represents shares of common stock underlying performance shares earned upon the achievement of performance criteria determined to be satisfied on February 14, 2019. The performance shares vest 25% annually over four years from the grant date of July 2, 2018, subject to the Reporting Person's continued service with the Issuer through the applicable vesting dates. Each performance share initially represented the right to receive one or more shares of common stock based on, and subject to, the achievement of revenue-based performance criteria determined by the Issuer's Compensation Committee in February 2018 as set forth in the Performance Share Award Agreement. The number of shares of common stock that the Reporting Person was entitled to receive ranged from 0% to 150% of the number of performance shares awarded, and the performance criteria was achieved at the 83% level.
- Includes an aggregate of 5,416 shares of common stock issuable pursuant to the performance shares reported above and previously reported restricted stock units that have not vested as of February 14, 2019.

Remarks:

/s/ Maria Pasquale, Attorney-In-Fact 02/19/2019

** 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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