

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Benaim Ely			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol REXAHN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. [RNN]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ ☒ Officer (give title below) _____ Chief Medical Officer		
(Last) C/O REXAHN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 15245 SHADY GROVE ROAD, SUITE 455	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/20/2017					
(Street) ROCKVILLE, MD 20850			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) ☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person ☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	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)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	

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

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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 Underlying Securities (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 of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.184	01/20/2017		A		450,000		(1)01/20/2027	Common Stock	450,000	\$ 0	450,000	D	
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	01/20/2017		A		95,000		(3)(3)	Common Stock	95,000	\$ 0	95,000	D	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Benaim Ely C/O REXAHN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 15245 SHADY GROVE ROAD, SUITE 455 ROCKVILLE, MD 20850			Chief Medical Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Tae Heum Jeong, as attorney-in-fact for Ely Benaim	01/24/2017
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

Explanation of Responses:

* 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).

(1) One quarter of the option vests and becomes exercisable on January 20, 2018, and, thereafter, 1/36th of the remaining option vests in equal installments on the first business day of each month until fully vested.

(2) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of common stock.

(3) The restricted stock units vest in four equal annual installments on the last business day in February, beginning February 28, 2018.

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