FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Podlesak Dennis   |   |                            |   |   | 2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Syndax Pharmaceuticals Inc [ SNDX ] |  |                                   |   |                    |   |  | Relationship<br>neck all appli<br>X Directo  | cable)<br>or   | g Pers   | 10% Ow    | /ner                               |  |
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| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O SYNDAX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.    |   |                            |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/31/2016 |  |  |                                   |   |                    |   | Officer<br>below)                      | (give title  |  | Other (s<br>below)   | pecify    |                                    |  |
| 400 TOTTEN POND ROAD, SUITE 110  (Street)  WALTHAM MA 02451 |   |                            |   | 4. 1  | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                               |  |                                   |   |                    |   |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting |  |  |           |                                    |  |
| (City)  | (Si   |                            | (Zip)   |   |  |  |                                   |   |                    |   |  | Perso  |  |  |           |                                    |  |
| Date (Month   |   |                            | ansaction<br>enth/Day/Ye  | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)          |  | 3.<br>Transacti<br>Code (Ins<br>8)<br>Code V | 4. Secur<br>Dispose<br>5)  Amount | 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)  Amount (A) or (D)  Prosed of, or Benefici |                    | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) |  | Form<br>(D) or   | : Direct<br>r Indirect<br>str. 4)  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>Instr. 4) |           |                                    |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)         | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | ise (Month/Day/Year)<br>/e | (e.g.<br>3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code  | action   | 5. Number of                                 |                                   | 6. Date Exerc<br>Expiration D<br>(Month/Day/  | isable and         | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Secur<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)  | 9. Number<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficiall<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactio<br>(Instr. 4) | Owners Form: Direct ( or Indir                                   | Ownership | Beneficial Ownership ct (Instr. 4) |  |
|   |   |                            |   | Code  | v  | (A)  | (D)                               | Date<br>Exercisable   | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |  |  |  |           |                                    |  |
| Stock<br>Option<br>(Right to<br>Buy)                        | \$11.81   | 10/31/2016                 |   | A   |  | 8,000  |                                   | (1)   | 10/31/2026         | Common<br>Stock   | 8,000                                  | \$0.00   | 8,000  |  | D         |                                    |  |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. One hundred percent (100%) of the total number of shares underlying the option shall vest on October 31, 2017, subject to the reporting person's continuous service through the vesting date.

## Remarks:

/s/ Michael A. Metzger, Attorney-in-Fact 11/02/2016

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

- $^{\star}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).
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