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## **INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF** SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Schwartz Jonathan David	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 03/25/2024		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ROCKET PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.</u> [ RCKT ]					
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ROCKET			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner		F	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
PHARMACEUTICALS, INC. 9 CEDARBROOK DRIVE			X Officer (give title below) See Rema	Other (: below)	specify 6	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) X Form filed by One Reporting		
(Street) CRANBURY NJ 08512			See Rema	urs		Person	by More than One Person	
(City) (State) (Zip)								
Та	ble I - No	n-Derivat	ive Securities Benefic	cially Ov	vned			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)			2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Owne Form: D (D) or In (I) (Instr.	irect Ownership (Instr. 5) direct			
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>			172,413(1)(2)	D				
			e Securities Beneficia nts, options, convert					
	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversio or Exercis	e Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr.	
	ate xercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	5)	
Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(3)</sup> 0	3/29/2019 <sup>(3)</sup>	03/29/2028	Common Stock	60,000	18.75	D		
Stock Option (Right to Buy) <sup>(3)</sup> 0	1/28/2020 <sup>(3)</sup>		1	i				
Stock Option (Right to Buy) $^{(3)}$ 0	1/28/2020	01/28/2029	Common Stock	75,000	14.56	D		
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**Explanation of Responses:** 

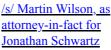
1. Represents 95,726 shares of the Issuer's common stock and 78,687 Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") that convert to common stock on a one-for-one basis.

2. Includes unvested RSUs from grants of (i) 19,418 RSUs on February 16, 2024, (ii) 41,541 RSUs on February 14, 2023, and (iii) 25,984 RSUs on February 14, 2022; one-third of such RSUs granted vest on the first anniversary of the grant date and the remaining two-thirds vest in equal quarterly installments over the following two years. Includes a grant of 22,896 RSUs on August 12, 2022, all of which vest on August 12, 2025.

3. This option represents a right to purchase shares of the Issuer's common stock, one-third become fully vested and exercisable on the first anniversary of the grant date, with the remaining shares vesting in equal quarterly installments over the following two years, subject to the reporting person's continued employment with the Issuer.

## **Remarks:**

Chief Medical & Gene Therapy Officer Exhibit 24: Power of Attorney





\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

 $^{\ast}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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## LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY

The undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Gaurav Shah, Martin Wilson and John Militello, signing singly, and with full power of substitution, 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 Rocket Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the "Company"), from time to time the following U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") forms: (i) Form ID, including any attached documents (such as Update Passphrase Authentication), to effect the assignment of codes to the undersigned to be used in the transmission of information to the SEC using the EDGAR System; (ii) Form 3, Initial Statement of Beneficial Ownership of Securities, including any attached documents; (iii) Form 4, Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership of Securities in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules thereunder, including any attached documents; (v) Schedules 13D and 13G; and (vi) amendments of each thereof, in accordance with the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules thereunder, including any attached documents;

(2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned that may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4 or 5, Schedule 13D or 13G, or any amendment(s) thereto and timely file such form(s) with the SEC and any securities exchange, national association or similar authority; and

(3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing that, in the opinion of such attorney-infact, 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, acting singly, 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 or Regulation 13D-G of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The undersigned hereby agrees to indemnify the attorneys-in-fact and the Company from and against any demand, damage, loss, cost or expense arising from any false or misleading information provided by the undersigned to the attorneys-in-fact.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file such forms 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. This Power of Attorney supersedes any prior power of attorney in connection with the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of the Company. This Power of Attorney shall expire as to any individual attorney-in-fact if such attorney-in-fact ceases to be an employee of the Company.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of February 16, 2022.

<u>/s/ Jonathan D. Schwartz</u> Signature

Jonathan D. Schwartz Print Name