

SYNERGY PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BRANCACCIO JOHN P

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O SYNERGY
PHARMACEUTICALS INC., 420
LEXINGTON AVENUE, SUITE
2012

(Street)

NEW YORK, NY 10170

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SYNERGY PHARMACEUTICALS,
INC. [SGYP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
09/19/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	09/19/2016		M	1,439 A \$ 4.61	21,883	D	
Common Stock	09/19/2016		M	1,079 A \$ 4.28	22,962	D	
Common Stock	09/19/2016		S	2,518 D \$ 5.76	20,444	D	

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 (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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 4.61	09/19/2016		M	1,439	<u>(1)</u> 10/19/2016	Common Stock	1,439
Stock Options	\$ 4.28	09/19/2016		M	1,079	<u>(1)</u> 10/12/2016	Common Stock	1,079

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BRANCACCIO JOHN P
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NEW YORK, NY 10170

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Signatures

/s/ John

Brancaccio

09/21/2016

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Fully vested.

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