FORM 3

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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

| OMB APPROVAL             |                   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  MARINO JAMES J  2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2017 |         |                      |                     | nent  | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Celldex Therapeutics, Inc. [ CLDX ]             |   |   |                  |  |   |  |  |
|--|---------|----------------------|---------------------|---|---|---|---|------------------|--|---|--|--|
| (Last) C/O CELLDE  | (First) | (Middle) UTICS, INC. |                     |   | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)     Director 10% Owner |   |   |                  | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)       |   |  |  |
| 53 FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 220  |         |                      |                     |   |   | Officer (give title below)                  | Other (specify below)   |                  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check<br>Applicable Line) |   |  |  |
| (Street) HAMPTON   | NJ      | 08827                |                     |   |   |   |   |                  | X  |   | y One Reporting Person<br>y More than One<br>erson |  |
| (City)   | (State) | (Zip)                |                     |   |   |   |   |                  |  |   |  |  |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned   |         |                      |                     |   |   |   |   |                  |  |   |  |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)  |         |                      |                     |   |   | unt of Securities<br>ially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership<br>Form: Direct (D)<br>or Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 5) |                  | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5)       |   |  |  |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share  |         |                      |                     |   |   | 15,997                                      | D   |                  |  |   |  |  |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned<br>(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)      |         |                      |                     |   |   |   |   |                  |  |   |  |  |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) 2. Date Exercis Expiration Date (Month/Day/Yea                                  |         |                      | ate                 | and 3. Title and Amount of Secu<br>Underlying Derivative Secu |   |   |   | rcise Form:      |  | 6. Nature of Indirect<br>Beneficial Ownership<br>(Instr. 5) |  |  |
|  |         |                      | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration Date   | n Title   | 3   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares                            | Deriva<br>Securi | tive   | Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 5)                 |  |  |

**Explanation of Responses:** 

/s/ Avery W. Catlin, attorney-03/01/2017 in-fact for James J. Marino

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

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<sup>\*\*</sup> Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

## **POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Anthony S. Marucci and Avery W. Catlin his true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- 1. execute for and on behalf of the undersigned Schedules 13D and 13G, Form ID, and Forms 3, 4 and 5 in accordance with Sections 13 and 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;
- 2. do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete the execution of any such Schedules 13D or 13G, Form ID and Forms 3, 4 or 5, and the timely filing of such Forms with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any other authority; and
- 3. take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, including without limitation the execution and filing of a Form 4 with respect to a transaction which may be reported on a Form 5, 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 his discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary and proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully and to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or his 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 any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Sections 13 and 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 9th day of February, 2017.

/s/James J. Marino
Name: James J. Marino