FORM 3

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     MEHTA VIREN	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 07/24/2013		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Onconova Therapeutics, Inc. [ ONTX ]				
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ONCONOVA THERAPEUTICS, INC.			Relationship of Reporting Pers (Check all applicable)     X Director	son(s) to Issue	(Mo	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
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(Street) NEWTOWN PA 18940					)		y One Reporting Person y More than One erson
(City) (State) (Zip)							
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned							
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)			2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownersh Form: Direct or Indirect ( (Instr. 5)	ct (D) (Instr. 5)		
Common Stock			11,650	D			
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)							
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Security Underlying Derivative Security		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Series B Convertible Preferred Stock	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	87,470(2)	(1)	D	
Series B Convertible Preferred Stock	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	8,020	(1)	I	By Viram Foundation <sup>(3)</sup>
Series B Convertible Preferred Stock	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	5,488	(1)	I	By Mehta Partners LLC <sup>(4)</sup>
Series B Convertible Preferred Stock	(1)	(1)	Common Stock	1,245	(1)	I	By Mehta Partners LLC FBO Jean Kiss Marie IRA <sup>(5)</sup>
Series C Convertible Preferred Stock	(6)	(6)	Common Stock	1,030	(6)	I	By Viram Foundation <sup>(3)</sup>
Series C Convertible Preferred Stock	(6)	(6)	Common Stock	2,270	(6)	I	By Mehta Partners LLC <sup>(4)</sup>
Series C Convertible Preferred Stock	(6)	(6)	Common Stock	460	(6)	I	By Mehta Partners LLC FBO Jean Kiss Marie IRA <sup>(5)</sup>
Series D Convertible Preferred Stock	(7)	(7)	Common Stock	1,007	(7)	I	By Viram Foundation <sup>(3)</sup>
Series D Convertible Preferred Stock	(7)	(7)	Common Stock	2,296	(7)	I	By Mehta Partners LLC <sup>(4)</sup>
Series D Convertible Preferred Stock	(7)	(7)	Common Stock	451	(7)	I	By Mehta Partners LLC FBO Jean Kiss Marie IRA <sup>(5)</sup>
Series E Convertible Preferred Stock	(8)	(8)	Common Stock	10,246	(8)	D	
Series I Convertible Preferred Stock	(9)	(9)	Common Stock	22,771(10)	(9)	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The convertible preferred stock is convertible at any time, at the holder's election, and is automatically convertible immediately prior to the consummation of the Issuer's initial public offering on a 0.85-for-1 basis and has no expiration date.
- $2. \ Includes \ 13,454 \ shares \ held \ jointly \ with \ spouse.$
- 3. The reporting person is trustee of Viram Foundation.
- 4. The reporting person is managing member of Mehta Partners LLC.
- 5. The reporting Person is trustee of Mehta Partners LLC FBO Jean Kiss Marie IRA.

- 6. The convertible preferred stock is convertible at any time, at the holder's election, and is automatically convertible immediately prior to the consummation of the Issuer's initial public offering on a 0.75-for-1 basis and has no expiration date.
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- 8. The convertible preferred stock is convertible at any time, at the holder's election, and is automatically convertible immediately prior to the consummation of the Issuer's initial public offering on a 0.75-for-1 basis and has no expiration date.
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10. Shares held jointly with spouse.

/s/ Ajay Bansal, as attorney in 67/24/2013

\*\* 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 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).

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Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby makes, constitutes and appoints Ramesh Kumar, Ph.D. and Ajay Bansal as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority as hereinafter described on behalf of and in the name, place and stead of the undersigned to:

- (1) prepare, execute, acknowledge, deliver and file Forms 3, 4, and 5 (as applicable, including any amendments thereto) with respect to the securities of Onconova Therapeutics, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, any national securities exchanges and the Company, as considered necessary or advisable under Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended from time to time (the "Exchange Act");
- (2) seek or obtain, as the undersigned's representative and on the undersigned's behalf, information on transactions in the Company's securities from any third party, including but not limited to brokers, employee benefit plan administrators and trustees, and the undersigned hereby authorizes any such third party to release any such information to the undersigned and approves and ratifies any such release of information to the undersigned; and
- (3) perform any and all other acts which in the discretion of such attorney-in-fact are necessary or desirable for and on behalf of the undersigned in connection with the foregoing.

The undersigned acknowledges that:

- (1) this Limited Power of Attorney authorizes, but does not require, such attorney-in-fact to act in his discretion on information provided to such attorney-in-fact without independent verification of such information;
- (2) any documents prepared and/or executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Limited Power of Attorney will be in such form and will contain such information and disclosure as such attorney-in-fact, in his discretion, deems necessary or desirable;
- (3) neither the Company nor such attorney-in-fact assumes (i) any liability for the undersigned's responsibility to comply with the requirements of the Exchange Act, (ii) any liability of the undersigned for any failure to comply with such requirements, or (iii) any obligation or liability of the undersigned for profit disgorgement under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act; and
- (4) this Limited Power of Attorney does not relieve the undersigned from responsibility for compliance with the undersigned's obligations under the Exchange Act, including without limitation the reporting requirements under Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

The undersigned hereby gives and grants the foregoing attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or appropriate to be done in and about the foregoing matters as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if present, hereby ratifying all that such attorney-in-fact of, for and on behalf of the undersigned, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Limited Power of Attorney.

This Limited Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to such attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Limited Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 23rd day of July, 2013.

/s/ Viren Mehta

Name: Viren Mehta