FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

			.6(a) of the Securities Exchange A the Investment Company Act of 19				<u>, </u>	
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* QVT Associates GP LLC	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 07/08/2016		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Arbutus Biopharma Corp [ABUS]					
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1177 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, 9TH FLOOR			4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director X 10% Owner Officer (give title below) See Remarks See Remarks			5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
(Street) NEW YORK NY 10036 (City) (State) (Zip)						6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person X Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
	Table I - Non	-Derivati	ive Securities Beneficiall	y Owned		<u> </u>		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)			. Amount of Securities eneficially Owned (Instr. 4)				4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
Common shares, no par value ("Common Shares")			16,013,540 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	I	See fo		potnote ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾	
(Securities Beneficially (nts, options, convertible		s)			
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exerc Expiration Da (Month/Day/	ate	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr.		4. Conversion or Exercise		e 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)	
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* QVT Associates GP LLC								
(Last) (First) (Middle) 1177 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS, 9TH FLOOR								
(Street) NEW YORK NY 1003	36							

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* **QVT Fund V LP** (Middle) (Last) (First) 190 ELGIN AVENUE (Street) GEORGE TOWN, **GRAND** E9 KY1-9005 **CAYMAN** (City) (State) (Zip)

Explanation of Responses:

1. QVT Financial LP, its general partner, QVT Financial GP LLC, QVT Fund V LP and QVT Associates GP LLC, the general partner of the QVT Fund V LP (collectively, "QVT"), may be deemed to have beneficial ownership over the 16,013,540 Common Shares held by Roivant Sciences Ltd. ("Roivant") because, as shareholders of Roivant, QVT may be deemed to have dispositive power and, therefore, beneficial ownership, over the Common Shares directly held by Roivant by virtue of governance arrangements in Roivant's bye-laws, namely the appointment of an independent director (within the meaning of that term under Roivant's bye-laws) to Roivant's board of directors effective July 8, 2016. The filing of this statement shall not be deemed an admission that QVT or Dr. Keith Manchester is the beneficial owner of the securities reported herein for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise.

2. (continued from Footnote 1) Each of QVT and Dr. Manchester expressly disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein except to the extent of its or his pecuniary interest therein.

Remarks:

QVT may be deemed to be a director by virtue of the fact that Dr. Manchester, on behalf of Roivant, currently serves on the board of directors of the Issuer. Dr. Manchester also holds 69,915 stock options awarded to him, which he holds for the benefit of certain funds under management of QVT Financial LP.

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

- * 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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