FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Abrams Michael J.					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Arbutus Biopharma Corp [ ABUS ]									theck all ap Dire	chip of Reporting Pe applicable) rector ficer (give title		10% C		
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ARBUTUS BIOPHARMA CORP. SUITE 100, 8900 GLENLYON PARKWAY						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 09/30/2016									A belo				
(Street) BURNABY A1 V5J 5J8  (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ine)  X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																			
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transar Date (Month/Date)					Day/Year) if a		execution fany	A. Deemed xecution Date, any Month/Day/Year)		Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. 5)			ties Acquired (A)		nd Secu Bene Owne Repo	ficially ed Following rted	For (D)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
									Code	v	Amount	Amount (A) or (D)		Price		Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
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)			Date, Transaction Code (Instr.		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)  Date Expiration Exercisable Date			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)  Amount or Number of Title Shares		unt ber	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)		10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		

**Explanation of Responses:** 

/s/ Bruce Cousins, as attorneyin-fact for Michael J. Abrams

09/30/2016

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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 4 (b)(v).
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