FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\* Arbutus Biopharma Corp [ ABUS ] (Check all applicable) Collier William H. X Director X Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) President and CEO C/O ARBUTUS BIOPHARMA CORPORATION 02/13/2021 701 VETERANS CIRCLE 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) WARMINSTER 18974 Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person (Citv) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transaction 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Date (Month/Day/Year) Code Amount (A) or (D) Price Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) 3. Transaction 3A. Deemed Execution Date, 5. Number of Derivative Securities 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 8. Price of Derivative 9. Number of derivative 11. Nature of Indirect Z. Conversion derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) or Exercise Price of Derivative Security if any (Month/Day/Year) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Month/Day/Year) (Month/Day/Year) 3 and 4) Security (Instr. 5)

Date

(D)

675,000

#### Explanation of Responses:

1. The stock option will vest and become exercisable 1/48th each month over the four year period.

### Remarks:

Stock Options

/s/ David C. Hastings as attorney-in-fact for William H. Collier

Amount or Number of

675,000

02/17/2021

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

02/13/2021

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (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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#### POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints David C. Hastings, Dave Kille and James List of Arbutus

- (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of the Company, the undersigned':
- (2) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of the Company, Forms 3, 4 and 5
- (3) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to (A) complete and execute any su
- (4) 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 being the undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing what:

  The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorney-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, is not This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 20th day of June, 2019.

/s/ William H. Collier William H. Collier