FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of R McElhaugh Micha (Last) | ael J. (First) | (M | iddle) | | Arbutu 3. Date of | lame and Tis Biopha | ırma Co | orp [ABI | JS] | | | | | onship of Reporti Ill applicable) Director Officer (give ti | , | 10% Ow Other (s | ner pecify below) |
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| C/O ARBUTUS BIOPHARMA CORPORATION 701 VETERANS CIRCLE | | | | 02/13/2021 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (Street) WARMINSTER (City) | PA (State) | 18 (Zi | 8974 ip) | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | 6. Individ | dual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) 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 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Di | | | | Date | ate Exe lonth/Day/Year) if a | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securi | | urities Acquired (A) or Dispos str. 3, 4 and 5) | | sposed Of | 5. Amount of Sec Beneficially Own Following Report | ed Dir | Ownership Form: ect (D) or irect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial | |
| | | | | | | (Month/Day/Year) | | Code | / | Amount | | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | Ownership (Instr. 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) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | se (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Trans Code (In | | Derivative : Acquired (A Disposed of | 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) | | 7. Title and Amount of So Underlying Derivative Se 3 and 4) | | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following | Ownership Form: Direct | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable Date | | piration te | n Ni | | Amount or Number of Shares | | Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | , , , | |
| Stock Options | \$4.33 | 02/13/2021 | | A | | 249,000 | | (1) | 02/ | /13/2031 | Comr | non Stock | 249,000 | \$0 | 249,000 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

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

Remarks:

/s/ David C. Hastings as attorney-in-fact for Michael J. McElhaugh 02/17/2021

** 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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^{*} If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

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

(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's

(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 15th day of August, 2019.

/s/ Michael J. McElhaugh Michael J. McElhaugh