FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Lutwyche Peter					2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Arbutus Biopharma Corp [ ABUS ]						(Che	ck all application	able)	erson(s) to Issu 10% Ow Other (s	ner
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ARBUTUS BIOPHARMA CORPORATION SUITE 100, 8900 GLENLYON PARKWAY					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/24/2017							X below) below)  Chief Technology Officer			
(Street) BURNABY A1 V5J 5J8 (City) (State) (Zip)			4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)						Line	S. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  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. Transa Date (Month/D					Saction 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)			Code (Ins	on Disposed	(A) o	str. 3, 4 and 5	5. Amoun Securities Beneficia Owned For Reported Transacti (Instr. 3 a	s For (D) (I) on(s)	rm: Direct or Indirect (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of ndirect Beneficial 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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Yea	Code (Inst				6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	unt (Instr ber			
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$3.15	03/24/2017		A		125,000		(1)	03/24/2027	Common Stock	125,000	\$0	125,000	D	

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. The options vest as follows: 1/3 on March 23, 2018; 1/3 on March 23, 2019; 1/3 on March 23, 2020.

/s/ Bruce Cousins as attorneyin-fact for Peter Lutwyche

04/04/2017

\*\* 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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