FORM 3

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

Washington, D.C. 20549

## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Kowalski Mark	2. Date of Event Requiring Statem (Month/Day/Year) 12/03/2015	nent	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Arbutus Biopharma Corp [ ABUS ]							
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O ARBUTUS BIOPHARMA CORP.		Relationship of Reporting Pe (Check all applicable)     Director		rson(s) to Issuer 10% Owner		5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)				
SUITE 100, 8900 GLENLYON PARKWAY			X Officer (give title below)	Other (spec	, lo. III	dividual or Joint icable Line)	/Group Filing (Check			
(Street) BURNABY A1 V5J 5J8			Sr VP & Chief Medic	ical Officer		X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				
(City) (State) (Zip)										
Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned										
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)			. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)  4. Na (Instr		ature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership r. 5)				
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)										
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr.		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)			
		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	08/12/2013 <sup>(1)</sup>	08/11/2023	Common Shares	50,000	5.75 <sup>(2)</sup>	D				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/05/2014 <sup>(3)</sup>	02/04/2024	Common Shares	25,000	16.4 <sup>(2)</sup>	D				
Employee Stock Optiion (Right to Buy)	03/30/2015 <sup>(4)</sup>	03/30/2025	Common Shares	65,000	17.57	D				
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	07/09/2015 <sup>(4)</sup>	03/30/2025	Common Shares	35,000	17.57	D				

## Explanation of Responses:

- $1. \ Date \ reflected \ above \ is \ date \ of \ grant. \ The \ option \ vests \ as \ follows: \ 1/4 \ on \ 8/12/2013; \ 1/4 \ on \ 8/12/2014; \ 1/4 \ on \ 8/12/2015; \ and \ 1/4 \ on \ 8/12/2016.$
- 2. Expressed in Canadian dollars.
- $3. \ \, \text{Date reflected above is date of grant. The option vests as follows: } 1/4 \ \text{on } 2/5/2014; 1/4 \ \text{on } 2/5/2015; 1/4 \ \text{on } 2/5/2016; \ \text{and } 1/4 \ \text{on } 2/5/2017.$
- $4. \ Date\ reflected\ above\ is\ date\ of\ grant.\ The\ option\ vests\ as\ follows:\ 1/3\ on\ 3/30/2016;\ 1/3/\ on\ 3/30/2017;\ and\ 1/3\ on\ 3/30/2018.$

## Remarks:

/s/ Mark Kowalski

12/22/2015

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- \* 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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