FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Howard Elizabeth					2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol Arbutus Biopharma Corp [ ABUS ]									elationship of Reporting Person( eck all applicable) Director X Officer (give title below)			10% Owner Other (specify below)	
					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/13/2021									Chi	ef Compli	ance O	Officer	
(Street) WARMINSTER (City)	PA (State)	18 (Zi	8974 ip)		If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)							6. Individ	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																	
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						(Month	/Day/Year)	Code	v /	Amount		(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (II and 4)	str. 3			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		3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Trans Code (In		5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercisable an Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Se Underlying Derivative Se 3 and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number derivative Securities Beneficial Owned Following	E C S F Ily (I	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisabl		piration te	Title		Amount or Number of Shares		Reported Transactio (Instr. 4)	Ι,	(30. 4)	
Stock Options	\$4.33	02/13/2021		A		200,000		(1)	02/1	/13/2031	Common Stock		200,000	\$0	\$0 200,000		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 Elizabeth Howard 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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#### 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 Arbutus I (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 si (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 whatsoever. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorney-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, is not assuming 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 respective to the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respective to the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respective to the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respective to the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respective to the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respective to the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respective to the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respective to the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respective to the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respective to the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respective to the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4,

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 15th day of August, 2019.

/s/ Elizabeth Howard Elizabeth Howard