INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

| Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 <br> or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Naftzger J. Christopher | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 2. Date of Event Requiring } \\ & \text { Statement (Month/Day/Year) } \\ & 07 / 10 / 2023 \end{aligned}$ |  | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Arbutus Biopharma Corp [ ABUS ] |  |  |  |  |
| (Last) $\quad$ (First) $\quad$ (Middle) <br> C/O ARBUTUS BIOPHARMA CORPORATION <br> 701 VETERANS CIRCLE |  |  | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer <br> (Check all applicable) <br>  <br> DDirector <br> Officer (give title <br> below) 10\% Owner  <br>  General Counsel and CCO  |  |  | 5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |  |
| (Street) <br> WARMINSTER PA 18974 <br> (City) (State) (Zip) |  |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <br> X Form filed by One Reporting Person <br> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: <br> Direct (D) or Indirect <br> (I) (Instr. 5) 4 |  | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 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) |  | 4. <br> Conversion <br> or Exercise <br> Price of <br> Derivative <br> Security | 5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|  | Date <br> Exercisable | $\begin{array}{\|l\|} \hline \text { Expiration } \\ \text { Date } \end{array}$ | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |  |  |  |

Explanation of Responses:

## Remarks:

Exhibit 24: Power of Attorney
No securities are beneficially owned.
/s/David C. Hastings as attorney-in-
** Signature of Reporting Person

## 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 Biopharma Corporation (the "Company"), each as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:
(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 application for EDGAR Access with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (Form ID application);
(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, in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;
(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 such Forms 3, 4 or 5 (B), complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and (C) timely file such forms with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and
(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 benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

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 requisite, necessary or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted.

The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorney-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, is not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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 respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 10th day of July 2023.

