

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Gagnon Robert E.</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O HARVARD BIOSCIENCE, INC.</u> <u>84 OCTOBER HILL ROAD</u> (Street) <u>HOLLISTON MA 01746</u> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>HARVARD BIOSCIENCE INC [HBIO]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Financial Officer</u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>08/03/2018</u> | |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 08/03/2018 | | F | | 5,170 ⁽¹⁾ | D | \$5.7 | 330,058 ⁽²⁾ | D | |

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/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 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 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) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- The shares were disposed to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation in connection with the vesting of certain restricted stock units previously granted to the Reporting Person on August 3, 2015.
- Includes (a) a deferred stock award of 40,000 restricted stock units with performance based vesting conditions, which shall vest in three equal installments on May 24, 2019, May 24, 2020 and May 24, 2021, contingent upon achievement of a performance condition tied to relative total shareholder return; (b) a deferred stock award of 40,000 restricted stock units which vest in four equal installments on January 1, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; (c) a deferred stock award of 81,522 restricted stock units which shall vest in three equal installments on January 1, 2019, 2020 and 2021; (d) a deferred stock award of 108,696 restricted stock units which shall vest in full on May 25, 2019; (e) a deferred stock award of 44,326 restricted stock units which shall vest in two equal installments on January 1, 2019 and 2020; (f) a deferred stock award of 6,625 restricted stock units which shall vest in full on January 1, 2019; and (g) 8,889 shares of common stock held by the Reporting Person.

Remarks:

This form has been signed under power of attorney.

/s/ Chad Porter, by power of attorney 08/13/2018

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (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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