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* LOY BERTRAND | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HARVARD BIOSCIENCE INC [HBIO] | | | | | | | | | | all app | onship of Reporting P Il applicable) Director | | Person(s) to Issuer 10% Owner | | |
|--|--|---------|----------|------------|--------------------------|--|---|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|--------------------|---|------|------------------------------------|--|---------|---|---|---|--|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O HARVARD BIOSCIENCE, INC. | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2019 | | | | | | | | | | | Officer (give title elow) | | Other (specify below) | | |
| 84 OCTOBER HILL RD. | | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | | | | | |
| (Street) HOLLISTON MA 01746 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | |
| (City) | (S | tate) (| Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Tabl | e I - No | n-Deriv | ative | Sec | curitie | s Acc | quired, | Dis | posed o | f, or | Bene | eficia | ally (| Owne | ed | | | | |
| Da | | | | Date | Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | Transaction Dispos Code (Instr. 5) | | Disposed | ities Acquired (A) d Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 | | | 4 and See Be Ow | | ecurities F eneficially (| | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | | Price | . | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | (11341. 4) | | | |
| Common | Stock | | | 01/02/2019 | | | | | A | | 14,000 | (1) A \$ | | \$ <mark>0</mark> . | 0.00 14 | | 9,850(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) | rivative curity Conversion Date Conversion Date, curity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any | | | Date, | | Transaction Of Code (Instr. Sec Acq (A) Disport of (I | | vative (Month/lities irred rosed) | | i. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. and 4) | | | | | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | : t (D) lirect | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | Code V | | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisa | | Expiration Date | Title | or | ount nber res | | | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Represents a deferred stock award of 14,000 restricted stock units which vest quarterly in equal installments on March 31, 2019, June 30, 2019, September 30, 2019 and December 31, 2019, and are subject to continued service as a non-employee director on the applicable vesting dates. These retainer awards are granted in satisfaction of the annual retainer compensation to be earned by the director for his service on the Issuer's Board of Directors and its Committees during 2019. The number of shares of common stock subject to such retainer award is equal to the amount of cash that would have been received had the retainers all been paid in cash, divided by the average daily closing market price of the Issuer's common stock for the month of November, rounded to the nearest 100 shares.

2. Includes (a) a deferred stock award of 14,000 restricted stock units which vest quarterly in equal installments on March 31, 2019, June 30, 2019, September 30, 2019 and December 31, 2019; a (b) deferred stock award of 18,100 restricted stock units which fully vest on the earlier of (i) the date of the Issuer's next Annual Meeting of Stockholders after May 17, 2018, immediately prior to the commencement of such meeting, and (ii) May 17, 2019; and (c) 117,750 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

01/03/2019

** 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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