## FORM 4

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#### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Name and Address of Reporting Person*     Gagnon Robert E.						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HARVARD BIOSCIENCE INC [ HBIO ]										all app	p of Reportin blicable) ctor er (give title	10	)% O	suer wner specify
	(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O HARVARD BIOSCIENCE, INC. 84 OCTOBER HILL ROAD						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/03/2015										w) below Chief Financial Officer			opcony
(Street) HOLLISTON MA 01746 (City) (State) (Zip)					4. If	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									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																				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)						ır) E	Execution f any	Deemed ecution Date, any onth/Day/Year)		3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 5)			and Secu Bene Own Repo		cially d Following ted	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
										٧	Amount	(A) or (D) Pri		Price	e (Instr.		action(s) 3 and 4)			
Common Stock 08/03/2									A		28,117	(1) A		\$ <mark>0</mark> .	0.00 6		3,221 <sup>(2)</sup>	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. Deem Execution if any (Month/Da	n Date,	4. Transa Code ( 8)		of Derive Secur Acque (A) or Disposof (D) (Instr	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		Exercis on Dat Day/Ye		Amo Seci Und Deri Seci	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. : and 4)			vative irity r. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	D) ect	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v					Expiration Date	Title	or Nun of	nber						

#### **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Represents a deferred stock award of 28,117 restricted stock units with performance based vesting conditions. The vesting of these restricted stock units is cliff-based and linked to the achievement of a relative total shareholder return of the Issuer's common stock from August 3, 2015 to the earlier of (i) August 3, 2018 or (ii) upon a change of control (measured relative to the Russell 3000 index and based on the 20-day trading average price before each such date). The target number of these restricted stock units that may be earned is reported above; the maximum amount is 150% of the number reported.

### Remarks:

This form has been signed under power of attorney.

/s/ Chad Porter, by power of 08/05/2015 attorney

\*\* 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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<sup>2.</sup> Includes (a) a deferred stock award of 26,500 restricted stock units which shall vest in four equal installments on January 1, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019; (b) a deferred stock award of 28,117 restricted stock units with performance based vesting conditions, which shall vest on August 3, 2018 contingent upon achievement of a performance condition tied to relative total shareholder return; and (c) 8,604 shares of common stock held by the Reporting Person.

Robert E. Gagnon hereby appoints Burns & Levinson LLP of Boston, Massachusetts, acting through its designated attorneys and paralegals, to be the true and lawful attorney-in-fact (his "Attorney") in his name and on his behalf to:

- (1) prepare, execute, acknowledge, deliver and file Forms 3, 4, and 5 (including any amendments thereto) with respect to the securities of Harvard Bioscience, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Company"), with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, any national securities exchanges and the Company, all as considered necessary or advisable under Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended from time to time (the "Exchange Act");
- (2) seek or obtain, as the undersigned's representative and on the undersigned's behalf, if necessary or advisable in connection with performing the acts described in (1) above or under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act, information on transactions in the Company's securities from any third party, including brokers, employee benefit plan administrators and trustees, and the undersigned hereby authorizes any such person to release any such information to the undersigned and approves and ratifies any such release of information; and
- (3) perform any and all other acts which in the discretion of such attorney-in-fact are necessary or desirable for and on behalf of the undersigned in connection with the foregoing, including, without limitation, the preparation, execution and filing of SEC Form ID's with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

The undersigned acknowledges that:

- (1) this Limited Power of Attorney authorizes, but does not require, such attorney-in-fact to act in their discretion on information provided to such attorney-in-fact without independent verification of such information and such attorney-in-fact may presume that any such information he receives is accurate and complete and he has no obligation to independently verify such information and is not responsible for any liability based on the inaccuracy or incompleteness of such information as it is provided by the undersigned;
- (2) any documents prepared and/or executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Limited Power of Attorney will be in such form and will contain such information and disclosure as such attorney-in-fact, in his or her discretion, deems necessary or desirable;
- (3) neither the Company nor such attorney-in-fact assumes (i) any liability for the undersigned's responsibility to comply with the requirement of the Exchange Act, (ii) any liability of the undersigned for any failure to comply with such requirements, or (iii) any obligation or liability of the undersigned for profit disgorgement under Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act; and
- (4) this Limited Power of Attorney does not relieve the undersigned from responsibility for compliance with the undersigned's obligations under the Exchange Act, including without limitation the reporting requirements under Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

The undersigned hereby gives and grants the foregoing attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or appropriate to be done in and about the foregoing matters as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if present, hereby ratifying all that such attorney-in-fact of, for an on behalf of he undersigned, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Limited Power of Attorney. This Limited Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to such attorney-in-fact.

This Limited Power of Attorney may be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, any other federal, state or foreign securities regulators, and other entities as a confirming statement of the authority granted herein.

IN WITNESS whereof this Limited Power of Attorney has been duly executed this 16th day of October, 2013.

/s/ Robert E. Gagnon Robert E. Gagnon