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*  LEWIS EARL R |   |  |   |        |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HARVARD BIOSCIENCE INC [ HBIO ] |          |              |  |      |                        |   |   |  | k all applic  | cable)<br>or  | g Pers                            | 10% Ov   | vner                                  |
|--|---|--|---|--------|--|---|----------|--------------|--|------|------------------------|---|---|--|---|---|-----------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
|  | R SYSTEM  | IS, INC.                                   | (Middle)  |        |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/31/2013                 |          |              |  |      |                        |   |   |  |   | Officer (give title below)  |                                   | Other (s<br>below)   | specify                               |
| 25 ESQUIRE ROAD  (Street)  BILLERICA MA 01862          |   |  |   | 4.1    | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |   |          |              |  |      |                        |   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |  |   |   |                                   |  |                                       |
| (City)   | (S  | tate)                                      | (Zip)   |        |  |   |          |              |  |      |                        |   |   |  |   |   |                                   |  |                                       |
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|  |   |  |   |        |  |   |          |              | Code                                   | v    | Amount                 | (A) (D)                                     | Pric  | ce   | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)                  |   |                                   |  | (11150.4)                             |
| Common Stock 0   |   |  |   | 05/3   | 31/201   | /2013   |          |              | A                                      |      | 5,906 <sup>(1)</sup> A |   |   | \$ <mark>0</mark>  | 111,809(2)  |   |                                   | D  |                                       |
|  |   | -  | Гable II -  |        |  |   |          |              | uired, D<br>, option                   |      |                        |   |   |  | Owned   |   |                                   |  |                                       |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)    | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution I<br>if any<br>(Month/Day | Date,  | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8)                  |   |          |              | 6. Date Exe<br>Expiration<br>(Month/Da | Date | of Securities          |   | ties<br>ng<br>e Securi  |  | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Numbe<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficia<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transactie<br>(Instr. 4) | e<br>s<br>ally<br>g               | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|  |   |  |   |        | Code   | v   | (A)      | (D)          | Date<br>Exercisabl                     |      | expiration<br>Date     | Title                                       | Amou<br>or<br>Numb<br>of<br>Share   | er   |   |   |                                   |  |                                       |
| Stock<br>option<br>(right to<br>buy)                   | \$5.08  | 05/31/2013                                 |   |        | A  |   | 11,400   |              | (3)                                    | 0    | 5/31/2023              | Common<br>Stock,<br>par value<br>\$0.01 per |   | 00   | \$0   | 11,40   | 0                                 | D  |                                       |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- $1. \ Includes \ a \ deferred \ stock \ award \ of \ 5,906 \ restricted \ stock \ units \ which \ shall \ fully \ vest \ on \ May \ 31, \ 2014.$
- 2. Includes (a) a deferred stock award of 5,906 restricted stock units which shall fully vest on May 31, 2014; (b) a deferred stock award of 8,403 restricted stock units which vest in equal installments on June 1, 2013, June 1, 2014, and June 1, 2015; and (c) 97,500 shares of common stock held by Mr. Lewis.
- 3. The options shall fully vest on May 31, 2014.

## Remarks:

This form has been signed under power of attorney.

Thomas McNaughton 06/04/2013

\*\* 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).
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