### FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person*  |  |            |         | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol HARVARD BIOSCIENCE INC [ HBIO ] |  |   |       |  |                    |  |   |          | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |  |   |  |   |  |  |            |  |
|--|--|------------|---------|---|--|---|-------|--|--------------------|--|---|----------|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|------------|--|
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| (Last)   | (Fi  | rst) (I    | Middle) |   |  | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/08/2018   |       |  |                    |  |   |          |   |  | X   | below)   |   |  | below)   | (specify   |  |
| HARVAI   | RD BIOSCI  | ENCE, INC. |         |   | 03/                                    | 08/2  | 010   |  |                    |  |   |          |   |  | Chief Executive Officer                                 |  |   |  |  |            |  |
| 84 OCTO  | BER HILI   | ROAD       |         |   |  |   |       |  |                    |  |   |          |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |            |  |
| (Street)   |  |            |         |   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original File |   |       |  |                    |  | l (Month/Da   | ay/Year  | r)  |  | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Application) |  |   |  |  |            |  |
| HOLLIS   | TON M  | A 0        | 1746    |   |  |   |       |  |                    |  |   |          |   |  | X   |  | filed by One                            | •  | •  |            |  |
| (City)   | (Si  | rate) (2   | Zip)    |   |  |   |       |  |                    |  |   |          |   |  | Form filed by More than One Reporting<br>Person         |  |   |  |  | orting     |  |
|  | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned   |            |         |   |  |   |       |  |                    |  |   |          |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |            |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transar Date (Month/Date   |  |            |         |   | Execution Date,                        |   | Date, | Transaction Disposed (Code (Instr. 5)                          |                    | ties Acquired (A)<br>l Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 |   |          | l and Secur<br>Benef<br>Owne  |  | cially<br>I Following                                   | Form:  | nership<br>Direct<br>Indirect<br>tr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership  |  |            |  |
|  |  |            |         |   |  |   |       |  | Code               | v  | Amount  | (A<br>(D | A) or<br>D)   | Price                                  | Repo<br>Trans<br>(Insti                                 |  | ted<br>action(s)<br>3 and 4)            |  |  | (Instr. 4) |  |
| Common Stock 03  |  |            |         | 03/08   | 3/2018                                 |   |       |  | S                  |  | 79,222  | 2 D \$4  |   | \$4.5                                  | 52 <sup>(1)</sup> 649                                   |  | 9,654(2)                                |  | D  |            |  |
| Common Stock 03/   |  |            |         | 03/09   | 09/2018                                |   |       |  | S                  |  | 7,800   |          | D   | \$4.6 <sup>(3)</sup>                   |   | 6 <sup>(3)</sup> 641,854 <sup>(4)</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)  3. Transaction Date (Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) |  |            | Date,   | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8)                                     |  | of  |       | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    |  | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr.<br>and 4) |          | str. 3  | 8. Pric<br>Deriva<br>Securi<br>(Instr. | vative<br>urity<br>tr. 5)                               | 9. Number o<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction<br>(Instr. 4) | Ow<br>For<br>Dir<br>or<br>(I)           | vnership<br>rm:<br>ect (D)<br>Indirect<br>(Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |            |  |
|  |  |            | Code    | v   |  |   |       |  | Expiration<br>Date | Title                                      | Amoun<br>or<br>Numbe<br>of<br>Fitle Shares  |          |   |  |   |  |   |  |  |            |  |

### **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$4.50 to \$4.68, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnote (1) to this Form 4.
- 2. Includes (a) a deferred stock award of 268,206 restricted stock units which shall vest in three equal installments on January 1, 2019, 2020 and 2021; (b) a deferred stock award of 145,833 restricted stock units which shall vest in two equal installments on January 1, 2019 and 2020; (c) a deferred stock award of 17,225 restricted stock units which shall vest in full on January 1, 2019; (d) a deferred stock award of 71,748 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 (e) 146,642 shares of common stock held by the Reporting Person.
- 3. The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$4.60 to \$4.65, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in footnote (1) to this Form 4.
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### Remarks:

This form has been signed under power of attorney.

/s/ Chad Porter, by power of 03/12/2018 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).
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