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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Sun Yong</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>VP - Commercial Operations</u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/24/2018</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 | 05/24/2018 | | A | | 22,500 ⁽¹⁾ | A | \$0.00 | 227,358 ⁽²⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/24/2018 | | A | | 22,500 ⁽³⁾ | A | \$0.00 | 249,858 ⁽⁴⁾ | 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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| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- Represents a deferred stock award of 22,500 restricted stock units which shall vest in four equal installments on January 1, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.
- Includes (a) a deferred stock award of 22,500 restricted stock units which shall vest in four equal installments on January 1, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; (b) a deferred stock award of 81,847 restricted stock units which shall vest in three equal installments on January 1, 2019, 2020 and 2021; (c) a deferred stock award of 44,503 restricted stock units which shall vest in two equal installments on January 1, 2019 and 2020; (d) a deferred stock award of 4,306 restricted stock units which shall vest in full on January 1, 2019; (e) a deferred stock award of 14,058 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 (f) 60,144 shares of common stock held by the Reporting Person.
- Represents a deferred stock award of 22,500 restricted stock units with performance based vesting conditions. These restricted stock units shall vest in three equal annual installments on May 24, 2019, May 24, 2020 and May 24, 2021, and are linked to the achievement of a relative total shareholder return of the Issuer's common stock from May 24, 2018 to the earlier of (i) May 24, 2019 or (ii) upon a change of control (measured relative to the NASDAQ Biotechnology 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.
- Includes (a) a deferred stock award of 22,500 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; and (b) all awards and common stock held by Reporting Person as described in footnote 2 above.

Remarks:

This form has been signed under power of attorney.

/s/ Chad Porter, under power of attorney 05/29/2018

** 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).

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