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# STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Gagnon Robert E.			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>HARVARD BIOSCIENCE INC</u> [ HBIO ]		tionship of Reporting Perso all applicable) Director Officer (give title	son(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify	
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/01/2017		below) Chief Financial C	below)	
(Street) HOLLISTON MA 01		01746 (Zip)	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Indiv Line) X	idual or Joint/Group Filing Form filed by One Repor Form filed by More than Person	ting Person	

#### 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)	Transaction Code (Instr.		4. Securities A Disposed Of ( 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/01/2017		F		10,868(1)	D	\$3.05	256,681 <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. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transa Code ( 8)		of Deriv Secut Acqu (A) or Dispo of (D)	Derivative (Month/Day/Year) Securities Acquired A) or Disposed of (D) Instr. 3, 4		ate	7. Title Amour Securi Under Deriva Securi and 4)	nt of ties ying tive ty (Instr. 3	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)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares					

### Explanation of Responses:

1. The shares were disposed to satisfy the Reporting Person's tax withholding obligation in connection with deferred stock awards previously granted to the Reporting Person which vested in part on January 1, 2017.

2. Includes (a) a deferred stock award of 88,652 restricted stock units which shall vest in full on May 6, 2018; (b) a deferred stock award of 66,489 restricted stock units which shall vest in three equal installments on January 1, 2018, 2019 and 2020; (c) a deferred stock award of 13,250 restricted stock units which shall vest in two equal installments on January 1, 2018 and 2019; (d) 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 (e) 60,173 shares of common stock held by the Reporting Person.

#### **Remarks:**

This form is signed under power of attorney.

# <u>/s/ Chad Porter, by power of</u>

attorney

01/04/2017

Date

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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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