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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* Roivant Sciences Ltd. | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Arbutus Biopharma Corp [ABUS] | | | | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Director | | X | 10% Own | er | | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Officer (give | title | | Other (spe | ecify | |
| (Last) | (F | irst) | (Middle) | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | below) below) | | | | | | |
| SUITE 1, 3RD FLOOR | | | | | 10/16/2017 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 11-12 ST. | JAMES'S S | QUARE | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 4. If <i>i</i> | Amendment, I | Date (| of Orio | ginal File | d (Mo | nth/Day/Ye | ar) | | 6. Individ | ual or Joint/G | roup Fil | ing (Che | ck Applicabl | e Line) | |
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| (City) | (S | itate) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Table I - No | n-Der | ivativ | e Securit | ies / | Acqı | uired, | Disp | osed of | , or Ben | efic | cially Own | ed | | | | | |
| Date | | | nsactio | Execut | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, f any Month/Day/Year | | r, Transaction Disposed Code (Instr. | | | ies Acquire Of (D) (Inst | | 4 and 5) | Beneficially C Following Re | | 6. Owne Form: D or Indire (Instr. 4) | irect (D) In | . Nature of ndirect seneficial ownership | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | (1 | nstr. 4) | | |
| | | | Table II - | | | Securitie , calls, wa | | | | | | | | ally Owners) | d | | | ' | | |
| 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) | | n Derivative | | Expi | 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 | | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exer | e rcisable | Expii Date | ation | Title | Nu | nount or imber of ares | er of | | ction(s) 4) | | | |
| Series A Participating Convertible Preferred Shares | \$7.13 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | 10/16/2017 | | P | | 500,000 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | | (| (1)(2) | 10/16 | //2021 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | Common shares, no par value | 9, | 808,386(1)(2) | \$100 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ | 500 |),000 | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. Represents series A participating convertible preferred shares (the "Preferred Shares") purchased for \$100.00 per Preferred Share (the "Purchase Price"), which price is subject to increase to reflect the addition of any unpaid participating cash dividends and unpaid participating in-kind dividends.
- 2. Subject to earlier conversion at the reporting person's option upon the occurrence of certain limited events set forth in the amendment to the Notice of Articles and the Articles of the Issuer (the "Preferred Shares Articles Amendment"), the Preferred Shares mandatorily convert on October 16, 2021, to the extent not already converted, into (i) unpaid accrued participating in-kind dividends and cash for any unpaid accrued cash dividends, as set forth in the Preferred Shares Article Amendment, and (ii) common shares of the Issuer, no par value (the "Common Shares"), which is determined by dividing (a) the Purchase Price, plus an amount equal to 8.75% of the Purchase Price per year, compounded annually, by (b) the conversion price in effect at the time of conversion. Each Preferred Share is initially convertible based on a conversion price of \$7.13, subject to adjustment for certain distributions and other transactions by the Issuer on or with respect to the Common Shares.

/s/ Marianne Romeo Dinsmore, as 10/17/2017 **Authorized Signatory**

** 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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