

Gagnon Robert E.  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Gagnon Robert E.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
HARVARD BIOSCIENCE INC  
[HBIO]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
  
(Check all applicable)  
  
\_\_\_\_ Director      \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)      \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Chief Financial Officer

(Last)      (First)      (Middle)  
  
C/O HARVARD BIOSCIENCE,  
INC., 84 OCTOBER HILL ROAD  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
07/27/2018

HOLLISTON, MA 01746

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City)      (State)      (Zip)

**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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                             |
| Common Stock                    | 07/27/2018                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 30,000  | A  | \$ 4.31                           |
| Common Stock                    | 07/27/2018                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 20,000  | A  | \$ 4.12                           |
| Common Stock                    | 07/27/2018                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               |   | 62,514  | D  | \$ 5.54                           |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | (5)                               |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock option (right to buy)                | \$ 4.31  | 07/27/2018                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 30,000  | <sup>(7)</sup> 11/18/2023                                | Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share                      | 60,000                        |
| Stock option (right to buy)                | \$ 4.12  | 07/27/2018                           |  | M <sup>(1)</sup>               | 20,000  | <sup>(8)</sup> 05/30/2024                                | Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share                      | 40,000                        |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                 | Other |
| Gagnon Robert E.<br>C/O HARVARD BIOSCIENCE, INC.<br>84 OCTOBER HILL ROAD<br>HOLLISTON, MA 01746 |               |           | Chief Financial Officer |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Chad Porter, by power of attorney  
07/31/2018

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) The option exercises and sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person.

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- Includes (a) a deferred stock award of 40,000 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; (b) a deferred stock award of 40,000 restricted stock units which vest in four equal installments on
- (2) January 1, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; (c) a deferred stock award of 81,522 restricted stock units which shall vest in three equal installments on January 1, 2019, 2020 and 2021; (d) a deferred stock award of 108,696 restricted stock units which shall vest in full on May 25, 2019; (e) a deferred stock award of 44,326 restricted stock units which shall vest in two equal installments on January 1, 2019 and 2020; (continued in footnote 3 below)
- (continuation of footnote 2 above) (f) a deferred stock award of 6,625 restricted stock units which shall vest in full on January 1, 2019; (g) 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 (h) 55,029 shares of common stock held by the Reporting Person.
- (3) Includes the awards referenced in clauses (a) through (g) of footnotes (2) and (3) above plus 75,029 shares of common stock held by the Reporting Person.
- The price reported in Column 4 is a weighted average price. These shares were sold in multiple transactions at prices ranging from \$5.50 to \$5.70, inclusive. The Reporting Person undertakes to provide to the Issuer, any security holder of the Issuer, or the staff of the
- (5) Securities and Exchange Commission, upon request, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the ranges set forth in this footnote (5).
- (6) Includes the awards referenced in clauses (a) through (g) of footnotes (2) and (3) above plus 12,515 shares of common stock held by the Reporting Person.
- (7) The option vested in four equal annual installments on each of November 18, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.
- (8) The option vested in four equal annual installments on each of January 1, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

### Remarks:

This form has been signed under power of attorney.

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