## FORM 4

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

<b>STATEMENT</b>	<b>OF CHANGES</b>	IN BENEFICIAL	<b>OWNERSHIP</b>

OMB APPROVAL

3235-0287 OMB Number: Estimated average burden 0.5 hours per response:

obligatio Instructi	ons may contini ion 1(b).	ue. <i>See</i>		F							ties Exchanç mpany Act o		1934			hours	s per res	ponse:	0.5
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Novartis Bioventures Ltd					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Altimmune, Inc. [ ALT ]  5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director X 10% Owner														
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O NOVARTIS INTERNATIONAL AG LICHTSTRASSE 35			02	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/13/2018  4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6 Ind	below)	give title	o Filing (	below)			
(Street) BASEL	V	3	CH-4056		-   ¨	4. Il / Illicitation, Date of Original Free (Illional Day) (Car)						Line)	ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable e)  Form filed by One Reporting Person  X Person  A Person						
(City)	(St		(Zip)	n-Der	ivativ	ve S	ecur	ities Acr	nuired	Dis	nosed of	f or B	enefi	cially	Owned				
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)		2. Tran Date	sactio	rative Securities Acq action 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transa Code (	ection	4. Securities Acquired (A) of Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4			or	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following		Form: Direct I (D) or Indirect I (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
									Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	or P	rice	Reported (Instr. 4) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock, par value \$0.0001		02/1	1 <mark>3/20</mark> 1	/2018		J <sup>(1)</sup>		269,527 A		(1)	2,804,088				See Footnote <sup>(2)</sup>				
Common Stock, par value \$0.0001			02/1	15/201	′2018			J <sup>(3)</sup>		67,925	67,925 A		(3)	2,872,013				See Footnote <sup>(2)</sup>	
			Table II -								osed of, convertib				wned				
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution D if any (Month/Day)	ate, Transactio				Expiration Date of So (Month/Day/Year) Undo Deriv			of Secu Underly Derivat	7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numb derivative Securiti Benefic Owned Followin Reporte Transac	ve es ially ng	10. Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirec (I) (Instr. 4	Beneficial Ownership t (Instr. 4)	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisa	able	Expiration Date	Title	or Nu	ount mber Shares		(Instr. 4)	)		
Series B Convertible Preferred Stock	\$2.67 <sup>(4)</sup>	02/13/2018			J <sup>(1)</sup>			344.9398	08/21/2	017	08/15/2018	Commo Stock, par valu \$0.000	e 12	9,188	(1)	1,724.	6878	I	See Footnote <sup>(2)</sup>
	d Address of S	Reporting Person*																	
(Last)	ARTIS INT	(First)	(Middl	e)															

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*									
Novartis Bioventures Ltd									
-									
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)							
C/O NOVART	C/O NOVARTIS INTERNATIONAL AG								
LICHTSTRASSE 35									
(Street)									
BASEL	V8	CH-4056							
(City)	(State)	(Zip)							
1. Name and Add	ress of Reporting Perso	n*							
NOVARTIS	S AG								
(Loot)	(First)	(8 4:4 dlo)							
(Last)	(First)	, , , , ,							
C/O NOVARTIS INTERNATIONAL AG									
LICHTSTRAS	SSE 35								
(Street)									
BASEL	V8	CH-4056							
(City)	(State)	(Zip)							

## **Explanation of Responses:**

<sup>1.</sup> Pursuant to the terms of the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Preferred Stock"), the Issuer converted the Preferred Stock into shares of the Issuer's common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (the "Common Stock") at the installment conversion price of \$1.2798 per share of Common Stock.

<sup>2.</sup> The board of directors of Novartis Bioventures Ltd has sole voting and investment control and power over such securities. None of the members of its board of directors has individual voting or investment power with respect to such securities and each disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities. Novartis Bioventures Ltd is an indirectly owned subsidiary of Novartis AG.

- 3. Pursuant to the terms of the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Preferred Stock"), the Issuer converted the Preferred Stock into shares of the Issuer's common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share (the "Common Stock") at the installment conversion price of \$1.2408 per share of Common Stock.
- 4. The Issuer's Preferred Stock is convertible at any time at the option of the holder into shares of the Issuer's Common Stock, subject to certain restrictions, at an initial conversion price of \$2.67 per share and a stated amount of \$1,000 per share.

## Remarks:

/s/ Bart Dzikowski, Secretary of 02/15/2018 the Board of Novartis **Bioventures Ltd** /s/ Stephan Sandmeier, **Authorized Signatory of** 02/15/2018 Novartis Bioventures Ltd /s/ Bart Dzikowski, Authorized 02/15/2018 Signatory of Novartis AG /s/ Stephan Sandmeier, 02/15/2018 **Authorized Signatory of** Novartis AG \*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

- $^{\star}$  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).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB Number.