## FORM 4

## **UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, I	D.C.	20549
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Novartis Bioventures Ltd						2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> 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						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/13/2017									Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)						
(Street) BASEL	V	8	CH-4056		_   4.	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								Line)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  Form filed by One Reporting Person  X Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City)	(St		(Zip)																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Tran- Date			nsactio	<del></del>			quired, Disposed of, or Benefici  3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)  4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 at				r	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following			ership Direct ndirect tr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership					
							, ,		v	Amount	(A) or (D)		се	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(Instr. 4)			
Common Stock, par value \$0.0001			12/	13/20	/2017		J <sup>(1)</sup>		242,694	,694 A		(1)	2,292,257		I		See Footnote <sup>(2)</sup>				
Common Stock, par value \$0.0001			12/	15/20	/2017		<b>J</b> (3)		65,718 A			(3)	2,357,975		I		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	Date,	4. Transa Code ( 8)		5. Number of Derivative Expiration Date		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)			8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Numl derivati Securiti Benefic Owned Followin Reporte	ve Owners es Form: ially Direct (I or Indire d (I) (Instr		Beneficial Ownership ect (Instr. 4)					
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Series B Convertible Preferred Stock	\$2.67 <sup>(4)</sup>	12/13/2017			<b>J</b> <sup>(1)</sup>			344.9398	08/21/20	017	08/15/2018	Common Stock, par value \$0.0001	129	,188	(1)	2,414.	.5674	I	See Footnote <sup>(2</sup>		
	d Address of S	Reporting Person*																			
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  Novartis Bioventures Ltd									
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C/O NOVARTIS INTERNATIONAL AG									
LICHTSTRASSE 35									
(Street)									
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  NOVARTIS AG									
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LICHTSTRASSE 35									
(Street)									
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## **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. 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 \$1.4213 per share of Common Stock.
- 2. 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 \$1.3910 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 12/15/2017 the Board of Novartis **Bioventures Ltd** /s/ Stephan Sandmeier, Authorized Signatory for 12/15/2017 Novartis Bioventures Ltd /s/ Bart Dzikowski, Authorized 12/15/2017 Signatory for Novartis AG /s/ Stephan Sandmeier, 12/15/2017 **Authorized Signatory for** 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).

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