FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Novartis Bioventures Ltd | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Altimmune, Inc. [ALT] | | | | | | | | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director X 10% Owner Office (Control of the Control of th | | | | wner | | | |
| (Last) (Indais) | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/15/2018 | | | | | | | | Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) | | | | | | |
| (Street) BASEL (City) | V | 3 | CH-4056 (Zip) | | 4. | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person X Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | | |
| | | Ta | ble I - No | n-Deri | vativ | ve S | ecur | ities Acc | uired. | Dis | nosed of | f. or Ber | neficial | lly Own | ed | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | | | 2. Trans | 2. Transaction | | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) o Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 a | | | r 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Follo | | y | 6. Own Form: (D) or I (I) (Inst | Direct ndirect tr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Trans | Reported Transaction (Instr. 3 and | | | | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 | | | | 05/1 | 5/15/2018 | | | | J ⁽¹⁾ | | 274,703 | 3 A | (1) | 4 | 4,108,751 | | I | | See Footnote ⁽²⁾ | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 | | | | 05/10 | 6/2018 | | | | J ⁽³⁾ | | 767,728 | 767,728 A | | 4 | 4,876,479 | | I | | See Footnote ⁽²⁾ | |
| | | | Table II - | | | | | | | | osed of, convertib | | | / Owne | d | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) if any (Month/Day Month/Day M | | Date, T | | ansaction ode (Instr. | | | | Exerci on Da Day/Y | | 7. Title and Amor of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Deriv Secu | 3. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Numl derivati Securiti Benefic Owned Followi Reporte | ive ies ially ng | 10. Ownershi Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4 | Beneficial Ownershi t (Instr. 4) | | | |
| | | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisa | able | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Share | r | | Transac (Instr. 4 | | | | |
| Series B Convertible Preferred Stock | \$2.67 ⁽⁴⁾ | 05/16/2018 | | | J (3) | | | 344.9398 | 08/21/2017 | | 08/15/2018 | Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 | 129,18 |),188 (3) | | 689.8685 | | I | See Footnote ⁽²⁾ | |
| | d Address of S | Reporting Person* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Novartis Bioventures Ltd | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---------|----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | | | | | | | |
| C/O NOVARTIS INTERNATIONAL AG | | | | | | | | | |
| LICHTSTRASSE 35 | | | | | | | | | |
| (Street) | | | | | | | | | |
| BASEL | V8 | CH-4056 | | | | | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | | | |
| Name and Address of Reporting Person* NOVARTIS AG | | | | | | | | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | | | | | | | |
| C/O NOVARTIS INTERNATIONAL AG | | | | | | | | | |
| LICHTSTRASSE 35 | | | | | | | | | |
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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 \$0.4553 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 \$0.4493 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 05/17/2018 the Board of Novartis **Bioventures Ltd** /s/ Stephan Sandmeier, Authorized Signatory of 05/17/2018 Novartis Bioventures Ltd /s/ Bart Dzikowski, Authorized 05/17/2018 Signatory of Novartis AG /s/ Stephan Sandmeier, 05/17/2018 **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.

- * 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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