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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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Novartis Bioventures Ltd			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Altimmune, Inc.</u> [ ALT ]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)				
		-		Director X 10% Owner				
(Last) C/O NOVAF	(First) RTIS INTERNAT	(Middle) IONAL AG	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 04/16/2018	Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)				
LICHTSTRA	ASSE 35							
(Street) BASEL	V8	CH-4056	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				
(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. Transa Code ( 8)				5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	v	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		(1130.4)
Common Stock, par value \$0.0001	04/16/2018		J <sup>(1)</sup>		482,907	A	(1)	3,616,889	Ι	See Footnote <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock, par value \$0.0001	04/16/2018		<b>J</b> <sup>(1)</sup>		217,159	A	(1)	3,834,048	I	See Footnote <sup>(2)</sup>

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. Transa Code ( 8)		Der Sec Acc or D of (	umber of ivative urities juired (A) Disposed D) (Instr. 3, nd 5)	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 Transaction(s)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		(Instr. 4)		
Series B Convertible Preferred Stock	\$2.67 <sup>(3)</sup>	04/16/2018		J <sup>(1)</sup>			344.9398	08/21/2017	08/15/2018	Common Stock, par value \$0.0001	129,188	(1)	1,034.8083	I	See Footnote <sup>(2)</sup>
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*															

Novartis Bioventures Ltd

 (Last)
 (First)
 (Middle)

 C/O NOVARTIS INTERNATIONAL AG
 LICHTSTRASSE 35
 V8

 (Street)
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 CH-4056

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 (State)
 (Zip)

 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person\*
 NOVARTIS AG

(Last)	(First)	(Middle)
C/O NOVART	IS INTERNATION	IAL AG
LICHTSTRA	SSE 35	
(Street)		
BASEL	V8	CH-4056

(State)

(Zip)

Explanation of Responses:

(City)

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.

<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 \$0.7143 per share of Common Stock.

3. 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:** 

<u>/s/ Bart Dzikowski, Secretary of</u> <u>the Board of Novartis</u> <u>Bioventures Ltd</u>	<u>04/18/2018</u>
<u>/s/ Stephan Sandmeier,</u> <u>Authorized Signatory of</u> <u>Novartis Bioventures Ltd</u>	<u>04/18/2018</u>
<u>/s/ Bart Dzikowski, Authorized</u> <u>Signatory of Novartis AG</u>	<u>04/18/2018</u>
<u>/s/ Stephan Sandmeier,</u> <u>Authorized Signatory of</u> <u>Novartis AG</u>	<u>04/18/2018</u>

\*\* 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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