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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Novartis Bioventures Ltd</u>				2. Date of Event Requiring State Month/Day/Yea 05/04/2017	ment	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Altimmune, Inc. [NASDAQ:ALT]						
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O NOVARTIS INTERNATIONAL						4. Relationship of Reporting Pers (Check all applicable) Director X	on(s) to Issue 10% Owne			5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		
AG WSJ-200.220 (Street)						Officer (give title below)	Other (specify below)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person			
BASEL	V8	CH-4002							X Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			Doriva	tive Securities Beneficial	ly Ownod					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)						2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership		4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)			
Common Stock, par value \$0.0001						1,867,301(1)	I	See F		Footnote ⁽²⁾		
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)												
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) 2. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/ Date Exercisable				ate		Title and Amount of Securities nderlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		rsion rcise	5. Ownership Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)		
				Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	n Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price of Derivative Security		Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		
				05/04/2017	10/08/2018	3 Common Stock	553 ⁽³⁾	2.1	2	I	See Footnote ⁽²⁾	
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] Novartis Bioventures Ltd									*			
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(Street) BASEL V8 CH-40			02									
(City) (State) (Zip)												
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] <u>NOVARTIS AG</u>												
(Last) (First) (Middle) C/O NOVARTIS INTERNATIONAL AG WSJ-200.220												
(Street) BASEL												
(City) (State) ((Zip)									

Explanation of Responses:

1. These shares were acquired pursuant to an Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of January 18, 2017 (as amended on March 29, 2017, the "Merger Agreement"), pursuant to which a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Issuer merged with and into Altimmune, Inc. ("Altimmune"). Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, at the Effective Time of the closing of the Mergers contemplated thereby, the then outstanding shares of Altimmune's common stock and series B preferred stock (collectively, "capital stock") were cancelled and were automatically converted into the right to receive 0.749106 shares of the Company's common stock for each share of Altimmune capital stock then held by the Reporting Person

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 Merger Agreement, the Issuer assumed all outstanding options to purchase shares of Altimmune capital stock on a 0.749106:1 basis upon closing of the merger (i.e., the Issuer issued to the Reporting Person an option to purchase 0.749106 shares of the Issuer for each option to purchase one share of Altimmune capital stock then held by the Reporting Person).

Remarks:

/s/ Simon Zivi, Chairman, /s/ 05/08/2017 Laurieann Chaikowsky, Authorized Signatory /s/ Simon Zivi, Authorized Signatory, /s/ Laurieann 05/08/2017 Chaikowsky, Authorized <u>Signatory</u> ** 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 5 (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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