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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Novartis Bioventures Ltd Issuer Symbol Altimmune, Inc. [ALT] (Check all applicable) (First) (Last) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director X__ 10% Owner Other (specify Officer (give title C/O NOVARTIS 07/11/2018 below) **INTERNATIONAL** AG, LICHTSTRASSE 35 (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) Form filed by One Reporting Person _X_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

BASEL, V8 CH-4056

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	Perivative Se	curiti	es Acqı	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitie on(A) or Disp (Instr. 3, 4)	osed o	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, par value \$0.0001	07/11/2018		<u>J(1)</u>	663,346	A	<u>(1)</u>	6,275,152	I	See Footnote (2)

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

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$\label{thm:convertible} \begin{tabular}{ll} Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned \\ (\emph{e.g.}, puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) \\ \end{tabular}$

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) A) or ((D)		7. Title and Amou Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am Nur Sha
Series B Convertible Preferred Stock	\$ 2.67	07/11/2018		<u>J(1)</u>	344.9287	08/21/2017	08/15/2018	Common Stock, par value \$0.0001	12

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
Novartis Bioventures Ltd C/O NOVARTIS INTERNATIONAL AG LICHTSTRASSE 35 BASEL, V8 CH-4056		X			
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Signatures

/s/ Bart Dzikowski, Secretary of the Board of Novartis Bioventures Ltd	07/13/2018
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Stephan Sandmeier, Authorized Signatory of Novartis Bioventures Ltd	07/13/2018
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Bart Dzikowski, Authorized Signatory of Novartis AG	07/13/2018
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Stephan Sandmeier, Authorized Signatory of Novartis AG	07/13/2018
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date

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Reporting Owners 2

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Pursuant to the terms of the Exchange Agreement between the Issuer and the Reporting Persons dated July 11, 2018, the remaining shares of the Issuer's Series B Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Preferred Stock") were exchanged for shares of the Issuer's common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share.

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.

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