

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Rice William G. | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Aptose Biosciences Inc. [APTO] | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Chair, President & CEO | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O APTOSE BIOSCIENCES INC., 251 CONSUMERS ROAD, SUITE 1105 | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/02/2019 | | | |
| (Street) TORONTO, A6 M2J 4R3 | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | 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) |
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| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |

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

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 1.91 | 01/02/2019 | | A | | 400,000 | (1) | 01/02/2029 | Common Stock | 400,000 | \$ 0 | 400,000 | D | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Rice William G. C/O APTOSE BIOSCIENCES INC. 251 CONSUMERS ROAD, SUITE 1105 TORONTO, A6 M2J 4R3 | X | | Chair, President & CEO | |

Signatures

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| /s/ Janet Clennett, as attorney-in-fact for William G. Rice | | 01/03/2019 |
| **Signature of Reporting Person | | Date |

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) The options vest as follows: 50% on the first anniversary of the grant with the remaining 50% to vest as follows: 1/3 on the second anniversary of the grant; 1/3 on the third anniversary of the grant; and 1/3 on the fourth anniversary of the grant.

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