## FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup> McDowell Caryn Gordon						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CYTOKINETICS INC [CYTK]									5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 280 EAST GRAND AVENUE						3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/28/2017									belo	er (give title w) & Chief Co	bel	,	
(Street)				4. If A	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									ndividual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable e) X Form filed by One Reporting Person					
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(City)																			
	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned																		
1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transacti Date (Month/Day						Execution Date			3. Transacti Code (In: 8)		4. Securities Acquired ( Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3 and 5)				Secur	icially d	6. Ownershi Form: Direc (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		
											Amoun	t (A) (D)	or P	rice	Repor Trans		(1130.4)	(1130.4)	
Common Stock 02/28/20						17			Α		15,0	000 A \$		60.00	1 18	8,581 <sup>(1)</sup>	D		
	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)	ifany	on Date,	4. Transactior Code (Instr 8)		n Number		6. Date Exercisat Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year			nd 7. Title an Amount o Securities Underlyin Derivative Security ( and 4)		0 	. Price f erivative ecurity nstr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownersh Form: Direct (D or Indire (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership	
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable		oiration e	Title	Amor or Numl of Share	ber					
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$10.6	02/28/2017			A		6,425		(2)	02/:	28/2027	Common Stock	6,42	25	\$0.0	6,425	D		
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$10.6	02/28/2017			A		8,575		(2)	02/:	28/2027	Common Stock	8,51	75	\$0.0	8,575	D		

Explanation of Responses:

1. The restricted stock units vest in three annual installments. Vested shares will be delivered to the reporting person as follows: 40% on 02/28/2018, 40% on 02/28/2019 and 20% on 02/28/2020.

2. When the ISO and NQ dated 02/28/2017 are combined, the total grant shall vest and become exercisable in equal monthly installments such that the option shall be 100% vested on 02/28/2021.

By: Sharon A. Barbari For: Caryn McDowell

\*\* 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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