## 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> SMITH SANDFORD D						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CYTOKINETICS INC</u> [ CYTK ]								5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner				
(Last)					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/04/2016									er (give title	0		specify	
280 EAST GRAND AVENUE					4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)								6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)					
(Street)													,	,				
SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO CA 94080												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. Transacti Date (Month/Day					Execution Date,			, Transaction Dispos Code (Instr. and 5)		urities Acquired (A sed Of (D) (Instr. 3		4 Secur Benet Owne	icially d	6. Owners Form: Dire (D) or Indirect (I)	ect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
								Code	Code V Am		t (A) (D)	or Pric			(Instr. 4)		(Instr. 4)	
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)	rative Conversion Date Execution Date, 1 rity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any				Transaction N Code (Instr. o			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 derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transactior (Instr. 4)	Owner Form: Direct or Ind (I) (Ins 4)	ship (D) irect	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisabl		Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares						
Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$10	01/04/2016		A		4,375		02/04/2016	(1)	01/04/2026	Common Stock	4,375	\$4 <sup>(2)</sup>	4,375	D			

Explanation of Responses:

1. This option shall vest and become exercisable as to 4,375 shares divided into equal monthly installments such that the option shall be 100% vested on January 4, 2017.

2. This option was issued to the reporting person pursuant to the Cytokinetics 2004 Equity Incentive Plan in lieu of 50% of an annual retainer of \$35,000.

## <u>By: Sharon A. Barbari For:</u> <u>Sandford D. Smith</u>

01/06/2016

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

 $^{\ast}$  If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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