FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* McDowell Caryn Gordon | | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CYTOKINETICS INC [CYTK] | | | | | | | | | | | eck all appli Directo | cable) or | ng Per | son(s) to Iss | wner |
| (Last) 280 EAS | ast) (First) (Middle) | | | | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 11/02/2017 | | | | | | | | | | | er (give title w) & Chief Com | | Other (below) ance Office | · |
| | (Street) SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO CA 94080 | | | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | | | | | | | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| (City) | (S | tate) (| (Zip) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Tab | le I - Nor | n-Deriv | ative | Sec | curiti | es Ad | cqui | ired, D | isp | osed (| of, o | r Bei | nefi | ciall | y Owne | b | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Transa Date (Month/D | | | | | | ar) E | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | | 3. Transact Code (In: 8) | | | | | | | Securiti Benefic Owned | rities F eficially (ed Following (| | vnership n: Direct r Indirect nstr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership |
| | | | | | | | | | | | / | Amount | | (A) or (D) | Pr | ice | Reporte Transac (Instr. 3 | | | | (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock 11. | | | | | | 2/2017 | | | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 77 | | A | \$ | 6.67 | 17 | 17,982 | | D | |
| Common Stock 11/0 | | | | | | 7 | | | | S ⁽²⁾ | | 2,46 | 0 | D | \$ | 512.9 | 15 | 15,522 | | D | |
| Common Stock 11/02/ | | | | | | 7 | | | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 653 | | Α | \$ | 6.67 | 16 | 16,175 | | D | |
| Common Stock 11/02/2 | | | | | | 7 | | | | S ⁽²⁾ | | 1,80 | 0 | D | | \$ <mark>13</mark> | 14,375 | | | D | |
| Common Stock 11/02/3 | | | | | 2/2017 | 7 | | | | M ⁽¹⁾ | | 625 | | A | \$6.37 | | 7 15,000 | | 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) | 3A. Deeme Execution if any (Month/Da | ed Date, | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | n of E | | 6. Da | ate Exerc iration D nth/Day/\(^ | cisal ate | ole and | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Secur (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | Ownersh Form: y Direct (D or Indire (I) (Instr. | Ownership | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | | | Code | ode V | (A) | (D) | Date Exer | e rcisable | | piration te | Title | | Amor or Numl of Share | ber | | | | | |
| Incentive Stock Option | \$6.37 | 11/02/2017 | | | М | | | 625 | 05/2 | 29/2016 | 05 | /29/2025 | | nmon | 62 | 5 | \$0.0 | 11,875 | ,] | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

\$6.67

\$6.67

(right to buy) Incentive Stock Option

(right to buy) Non-Qualified Stock

Option

(right to buy)

11/02/2017

11/02/2017

1. The exercise reported on this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on June 13, 2017.

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2. The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on June 13, 2017.

Caryn McDowell

Stock

Common

Stock

Common

Stock

02/23/2026

02/23/2026

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77

\$0.0

\$0.0

11/06/2017

19 343

1,075

D

D

** 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 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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