

ARCA biopharma, Inc.  
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**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)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BRISTOW MICHAEL R**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**ARCA BIOPHARMA, INC., 11080  
CIRCLEPOINT ROAD, SUITE 140**

(Street)

**WESTMINSTER, CO 80020**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**ARCA biopharma, Inc. [ABIO]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**03/01/2016**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

See Remarks

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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**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 Ownership (Instr. 4)          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (A) or (D)   | Price                                      |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   | \$  |  |  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/01/2016                           |  | S                              |   | 752 <sup>(1)</sup>  | D  | 3.5 <sub>(3)</sub>                         |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 19,986  | I  | By Investocor Trust as sole Trustee        |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 25,459  | I  | By NFS Custodian for Michael Bristow's IRA |

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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 (Instr. 3) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |             |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer     | Other |
| BRISTOW MICHAEL R<br>ARCA BIOPHARMA, INC.<br>11080 CIRCLEPOINT ROAD, SUITE 140<br>WESTMINSTER, CO 80020 | X             |           | See Remarks |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Brian L. Selby, 03/02/2016  
Attorney-in-Fact

\_\_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).
- Represents shares of common stock sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 Plan adopted by the Reporting Person for satisfaction of their tax withholding obligation with respect to the vesting of previously reported Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") granted to the Reporting Person under the Issuer's 2013 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan").
- (1) Includes (i) remaining 5,952 previously reported shares issued as RSUs under the Plan that vests on 9/17/16, (ii) remaining 4,050 previously reported shares issued as RSUs under the Plan that vest in two equal annual installments beginning on 2/27/17, and (iii) 6,871 previously reported shares issued as RSUs under the Plan that vest in three equal annual installments beginning April 2, 2016, provided that the Reporting Person's continuous service to the Issuer has not been terminated as defined under the Plan; and 28,461 previously reported shares of common stock held directly.
  - (2)

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- The price represents the weighted average sale price for multiple transactions reported on this line. The prices of the transactions ranged
- (3) from \$3.50 to \$3.53. Upon request of the SEC staff, ARCA biopharma, Inc. (the "Company") or a security holder of the Company, the reporting person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

### **Remarks:**

President and Chief Executive Officer

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