

**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*			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)	
<u>Cartt Stephen LaHue</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>6300 DUMBARTON CIRCLE</u>  (Street) <u>FREMONT CA 94555</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)			<u>Asterias Biotherapeutics, Inc. [ AST ]</u>  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>06/21/2018</u>  4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)  6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

**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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock								292,783	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. 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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Stock Options	\$1.75	06/21/2018		A	20,000	(1)	06/21/2028	Common Stock 20,000	\$0	20,000	D	
Stock Options	\$3.7					(2)	06/26/2027	Common Stock 20,000		20,000	D	
Stock Options	\$3.64					(3)	02/28/2026	Common Stock 375,000		375,000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- The stock options vest equally over the next four quarters, beginning on the June 30, 2018 contingent upon continued service on the Board of Directors.
- Subject to Mr. Cartt's continued service on the Board of the Company, the stock options over four equal quarterly installments beginning on July 1, 2017. The stock options are exercisable upon vesting.
- The stock options vested and are exercisable.

/s/ Steve Cartt

06/25/2018

\*\* 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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