FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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|--|---|--|---|-------|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|---------------|--|--|--|--|--|---|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  NIFFENEGGER KATHI  |   |  |   |       |   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Stellar Biotechnologies, Inc. [ SBOT ] |   |   |   |   |   |   |               | (Che   | eck all applic   | able)                                  | g Person(s) to Iss<br>10% O<br>Other (                                   |  | vner  |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O STELLAR BIOTECHNOLOGIES, INC.  |   |  |   |       | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/20/2016 |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |               | -  | below)   | hief Finar                             | ncial  | below)   |   |
| 332 EAST SCOTT STREET  |   |  |   |       |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |               |  |  |  |  |  |   |
| (Street) PORT HUENEME CA 93041   |   |  |   | 4. If | 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 |  |  |  |  |   |
| (City)   | (S  | tate)                                      | (Zip)   | ,     |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |               | Persor   | Person   |  |  |  |   |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned   |   |  |   |       |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |               |  |  |  |  |  |   |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)  |   |  |   |       | ay/Year) if   |  | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |   | Transaction Disp<br>Code (Instr. 5)     |   | Disposed  | rities Acquired (A)<br>ed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 |               |  |  | es Foi<br>ially (D)<br>Following (I) ( |  | : Direct<br>r Indirect<br>str. 4)                                  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership |
|  |   |  |   |       |   |  |   |   |   | v | Amount  | Amount (A) or (D)                             |               | Price  | Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4)   |  |  |  | (Instr. 4)  |
| Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |   |  |   |       |   |  |   |   |   |   |   |   |               |  | <u> </u>   |  |  |  |   |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)  | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) |       | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code (Instr.<br>8)                     |  |   |   | 6. Date Exe<br>Expiration<br>(Month/Day |   | 7. Title and Amour<br>of Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative Securit<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |   | curity        | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5)  | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) |  | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |   |
|  |   |  |   | С     | ode   | v  | (A)   |   | Date<br>Exercisabl                      |   | Expiration<br>Date  | Title   | OI<br>N<br>Of | umber  |  |  |  |  |   |
| Share<br>Option<br>(Right to   | \$2.03  | 12/20/2016                                 |   |       | A   |  | 10,000  |   | (1)                                     | 1 | .2/20/2023  | Common<br>Shares                              | 1             | 0,000  | \$0  | 10,000                                 | )  | D  |   |

## **Explanation of Responses:**

1. Option grant under the 2013 Fixed Share Option Plan, which shall vest as to one-third immediately, as to one-third on December 20, 2017 and as to the remaining one-third on June 20, 2018.

/s/ Kathi Niffenegger

12/21/2016

\*\* 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).
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