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* WIERENGA WENDALL						2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CYTOKINETICS INC [CYTK]										of Reporting Person(s) to Issue icable) or 10% Owner			
(Last)	•	irst) (3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/03/2017									Office below	er (give title v)		Other (below)	specify	
280 EAS	4. If A	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)									6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)								
(Street)															Form filed by One Reporting Person				
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																			
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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)	tive Conversion Date Executi ty or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any		med on Date, Day/Year)		ransaction Code (Instr.				6. Date Exercisable an Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)			7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		ice vative rity r. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		Beneficial Ownership	
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Non- Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$12.4	01/03/2017			A		4,032		02/03/2017 ⁽	1) 0	1/03/2027	Commor Stock	4,032	2 \$4.96	503 ⁽²⁾	4,032		D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. This option shall vest and become exercisable as to 4,032 shares divided into equal monthly installments such that the option shall be 100% vested on January 3, 2018.

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 \$40,000.00

By: Sharon A. Barbari For: Wendell Wierenga

01/04/2017

** 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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