

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)  
  
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)  
**02/16/2017**

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)  
**Pres. & Chief Executive Officer**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	42,638 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	19,986	I	By InvestocorTrust as sole Trustee
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	25,459	I	By NFS Custodian for Michael Bristow's IRA

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 2.5	02/16/2017		A	42,000	<u>(2)</u> 02/15/2027	Common Stock	42,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BRISTOW MICHAEL R 11080 CIRCLEPOINT ROAD SUITE 140 WESTMINSTER, CO 80020	X		Pres. & Chief Executive Officer	

## Signatures

/s/ Brian L. Selby,  
Attorney-in-Fact  
Date: 02/21/2017

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

## 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).

- Includes (i) remaining 4,050 previously reported shares issued as Restricted Stock Units ("RSUs") under the 2013 Amended and Restated Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan") that vest in two equal annual installments beginning on 2/27/17, and (ii) 4,581 previously reported shares issued as RSUs under the Plan that vest in two equal annual installments beginning 4/2/17, provided that the Reporting Person's continuous service to the Issuer has not been terminated as defined under the Plan; and 34,007 previously reported shares of common stock held directly.
- (2) Grant to the Reporting Person of a stock option under the Plan, vesting in 36 equal monthly installments from the date of grant, provided that the Reporting Person's continuous service to the Issuer has not been terminated as defined in or as determined under the Plan prior to such time. In the event of a change in control of the Issuer, 50% of the unvested options shall become fully and immediately vested upon

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the closing date of such change in control, provided, however, that on the earlier of (i) the one-year anniversary of the closing date or (ii) involuntary termination, any options that remain unvested on such earlier date shall become fully and immediately vested.

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