

VIVUS INC

Form 4

March 28, 2016

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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Section 16.  
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obligations  
may continue.  
See Instruction  
1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
NORTH TIDE CAPITAL, LLC

(Last) (First) (Middle)

500 BOYLSTON STREET, SUITE  
1860

(Street)

BOSTON, MA 02116

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

VIVUS INC [VVUS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)

03/24/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ 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	03/24/2016		P		15,500	A	\$ 1.0849	13,015,500	I	See Footnote (1)
Common Stock	03/24/2016		P		7,500	A	\$ 1.0971	13,023,000	I	See Footnote (1)
Common Stock	03/24/2016		P		2,000	A	\$ 1.099	13,025,000	I	See Footnote (1)
Common Stock	03/28/2016		P		150,000	A	\$ 1.1261	13,175,000	I	See Footnote

Common Stock	03/28/2016	P	27,000	A	\$ 1.1287	13,202,000	I	(1)
								See Footnote (1)

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 Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NORTH TIDE CAPITAL, LLC 500 BOYLSTON STREET SUITE 1860 BOSTON, MA 02116		X		
North Tide Capital Master, LP 500 BOYLSTON STREET SUITE 1860 BOSTON, MA 02116		X		
Laughlin Conan 500 BOYLSTON STREET SUITE 1860 BOSTON, MA 02116		X		

## Signatures

/s/ NORTH TIDE CAPITAL MASTER, LP, by North Tide Capital GP, LLC, Conan Laughlin, Manager	03/28/2016
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ NORTH TIDE CAPITAL, LLC by Conan Laughlin, Manager	03/28/2016
__Signature of Reporting Person	Date
/s/ Conan Laughlin, Individually	03/28/2016
__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).

Shares reported herein represent as of March 24, 2016, (i) 11,518,750 shares held by North Tide Capital Master, LP (the "Master Fund") and (ii) 1,506,250 shares held by a managed account (the "Account") and as of March 28, 2016, (i) 11,651,500 shares held by the Master Fund and (ii) 1,550,500 shares held by the Account. North Tide Capital, LLC ("North Tide") serves as investment manager for the Master

- (1) Fund and the Account. Mr. Laughlin serves as manager of North Tide. Each of the Reporting Persons disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares reported herein except to the extent of its or his pecuniary interest therein, and the filing of this Form 4 shall not be construed as an admission that any of the Reporting Persons is the beneficial owner of any such shares for purposes of Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or for any other purpose.

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