

Lawrence John H III
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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 *
 Lawrence John H III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 PORTOLA PHARMACEUTICALS INC [PTLA]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 11/30/2017

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 SVP, Chief Medical Officer

C/O PORTOLA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., 270 EAST GRAND AVENUE
 (Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080

(City) (State) (Zip)

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	11/30/2017		A		5,000 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 0 5,000 D

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)				
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 50.75	11/30/2017		A	125,000	(2)		11/29/2027		Common Stock	125,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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C/O PORTOLA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.
270 EAST GRAND AVENUE
SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94080

SVP, Chief Medical Officer

Signatures

/s/Mike Ouimette, as
attorney-in-fact

12/01/2017

**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).

(1) Grant of Restricted Stock Units ("RSU") in consideration of services rendered. The RSU vests annually over three years commencing on March 1, 2019, subject to Reporting Person's Continuous Service as of each such date.

(2) The Option shall vest as follows: 25% of the shares shall vest one year from the Vesting Commencement Date of November 6, 2017, and the remaining shares shall vest ratably over the next 36 months.

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