

CTI BIOPHARMA CORP  
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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 \*  
BIANCO LOUIS A

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
601 WESTERN AVENUE, SUITE 600  
(Street)

SEATTLE, WA 98121

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CTI BIOPHARMA CORP [ctic]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/23/2015

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)  
EVP, Finance & Administration

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/23/2015		D <sup>(1)</sup>	236,858 D \$ 0	669,489	D	
Common Stock					37	I	Trust for children

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 Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.24	12/23/2015		A	1,600,000	(2) 12/23/2025	Common Stock	1,600,000	

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BIANCO LOUIS A 601 WESTERN AVENUE SUITE 600 SEATTLE, WA 98121			EVP, Finance & Administration	

## Signatures

Louis A. Bianco 12/23/2015

\*\*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) Represents the forfeiture back to CTIC of shares of restricted stock. The restricted shares were originally issued pursuant to a performance-based equity award effective as of January 3, 2012 and subsequently amended. The reporting person agreed to forfeit the restricted shares to the issuer. If a performance goal that had been applicable to such restricted stock is achieved by December 31, 2016, the reporting person will be entitled to the grant of a stock option from CTIC with respect to the same number of shares that would have been issued to the reporting person upon achievement of the goal under the original terms of the reporting person's long-term incentive award.

(2) The option is scheduled to vest in eight semi-annual installments over the four-year period following the grant date, subject to the reporting person's continued employment or service with the issuer through the applicable vesting date.

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