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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Varghese Santosh T Issuer Symbol VIVUS INC [VVUS] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify C/O VIVUS, INC., 900 E. 01/01/2018 below) HAMILTON AVE., SUITE 550 Chief Medical Officer (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

CAMPBELL, CA 95008

(State)

(Zip)

(City)

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1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities A	cquired	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	on(A) or Dispose	d of (D)	Securities	Ownership	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially	Form: Direct	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)			Owned	(D) or	Ownership
						Following	Indirect (I)	(Instr. 4)
				(4)		Reported	(Instr. 4)	
				(A)		Transaction(s)		
			Code V	or Amount (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	01/01/2018		S	444 <u>(1)</u> D	\$ 0.5081	72,296	D	

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3,		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Securi (Instr.	nt of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
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				Code V	(A) (D)	Exercisable	Date	Title	Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Varghese Santosh T C/O VIVUS, INC. 900 E. HAMILTON AVE., SUITE 550 CAMPBELL, CA 95008

Chief Medical Officer

Signatures

/s/ Julie Hollenback, Attorney-in-Fact

01/03/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- 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) Sold to pay the tax liability resulting from the vesting of 919 restricted stock units granted on January 23, 2015.

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