

Varghese Santosh T
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Varghese Santosh T

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 VIVUS INC [VVUS]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O VIVUS, INC., 900 E.
 HAMILTON AVE., SUITE 550
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 11/14/2018

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

CAMPBELL, CA 95008
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock	11/14/2018		A ⁽¹⁾	700 A \$ 2.71	7,842 ⁽²⁾	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)

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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. 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. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Own Follo Repo Trans (Instr
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

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

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Chief Medical Officer

Signatures

/s/ Julie Hollenback,
Attorney-in-Fact

11/16/2018

__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) The shares were acquired under the VIVUS, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan on November 14, 2018.
 - (2) On September 10, 2018, VIVUS, Inc. effected a 1-for-10 reverse stock split (the "Reverse Split"). The number of shares beneficially owned has been adjusted to reflect the Reverse Split (with fractional shares rounded up to the next whole number).

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