

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* Rice William G. <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small> C/O APTOSE BIOSCIENCES INC., 251 CONSUMERS ROAD, SUITE 1105 <small>(Street)</small> TORONTO, A6 M2J 4R3 <small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Aptose Biosciences Inc. [APTO] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 01/04/2021 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Chair, President & CEO 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

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(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		(A)	(D)					
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.37	01/04/2021		A		343,000	(1)	01/04/2031	Common Shares	\$ 0	343,000	D	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Rice William G. C/O APTOSE BIOSCIENCES INC. 251 CONSUMERS ROAD, SUITE 1105 TORONTO, A6 M2J 4R3	X		Chair, President & CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Janet Clennett as attorney-in-fact for William G. Rice	01/06/2021
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>	<small>Date</small>

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) The options were granted on January 4, 2021. One-half of the options vest on January 4, 2022. The remaining one-half of the options vest as follows: 1/3 on January 4, 2023; 1/3 on January 4, 2024; and 1/3 on January 4, 2025.

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