

Bucher James B
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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 *
 Bucher James B

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ALDER BIOPHARMACEUTICALS INC [ALDR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Sr. VP & General Counsel

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 11804 NORTH CREEK PARKWAY SOUTH
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/14/2017

BOTHELL, WA 98011

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 ⁽¹⁾	1,623 A \$ 9.35	1,623	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. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.7	12/14/2017		A	35,000	(2) 12/13/2027	Common Stock	35,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Bucher James B 11804 NORTH CREEK PARKWAY SOUTH BOTHELL, WA 98011			Sr. VP & General Counsel	

Signatures

/s/ James B. Bucher
12/18/2017

__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) The shares were acquired under the Issuer's 2014 Employee Stock Purchase Plan on November 30, 2017 in a transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3(c).
The shares subject to this option shall vest and become exercisable at a rate of 25% of the total number of shares on the one-year anniversary of December 14, 2017 (the "Vesting Commencement Date") and 1/48th of the total number of shares each monthly anniversary of the Vesting Commencement Date thereafter, for so long as the Reporting Person provides continuous service to the Issuer, such that the total number of shares shall be fully vested on the four-year anniversary of the Vesting Commencement Date.

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