

HEMISPHERX BIOPHARMA INC

Form 4

May 16, 2016

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
KIANI IRAJ EQHBAL

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
HEMISPHERX BIOPHARMA INC
[HEB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
18800 DELAWARE ST, 9TH
FLOOR

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
05/15/2016

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

(Street)
HUNTINGDON BEACH, CA 92648

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)			
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Incentive Rights ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0	05/15/2016	A		13,823		11/15/2016	11/15/2016	Common Stock	13,823

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
KIANI IRAJ EQHBAL 18800 DELAWARE ST 9TH FLOOR HUNTINGDON BEACH, CA 92648	X			

Signatures

Iraj Eghbal
Kiani 05/16/2016

__Signature of
Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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Issued pursuant to the Hemispherx Biopharma Inc 2016 voluntary stock award plan. Pursuant to the plan, the reporting person has elected to withhold a portion of their Director's fee in exchange for the incentive right. The incentive right grants the reporting person the right to (1) receive a number of shares of common stock based upon the market price on the day prior to the election. The incentive right automatically converts into common stock on the date exercisable. The plan is described in the Issuer's annual 10K report for the year ended 12/31/15.

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