FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* VANLENT ANNE | | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Biota Pharmaceuticals, Inc. [BOTA] | | | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner | | | | |
|---|--|------------|------------------------------------|-----------------|---|--|------------|---|--------------------|---|---|---|--|--|--------------------|--------|
| (Last) 2500 NC | , | First) | (Middle) SUITE 100 | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/15/2014 | | | | | | | Officer below) | (give title | | Other (s below) | pecify |
| (Street) ALPHAI | RETTA C | | 30009 (Zip) | 4 | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | Line | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable ne) X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | | |
| | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) 2. Tran | | | . Transactio Date Month/Day/ | Execution Date, | | Code (Inst | n Disposed | 5) (A) or | | 5. Amount of 6. Securities For Beneficially (D | | Form: | : Direct I · Indirect I str. 4) (| 7. Nature of ndirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of 2. Derivative Conversion Security or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) 3A. Deemed Execution Date Execution Date, if any | | | Code | 5. Number of | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | | |
| Stock Option (Right to Buy) | \$2.85 | 05/15/2014 | | A | | 15,000 | | 05/15/2015 ⁽¹⁾ | 05/15/2020 | Common Stock | 15,000 | \$0.00 | 15,000 |) | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. These option shares vest and become exercisable one year from the date of grant.

Remarks:

Peter Azzarello, Attorney-in-

fact

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

05/20/2014

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

- * 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).

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