

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* <u>Galeota James JR</u> _____ (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O MELINTA THERAPEUTICS, INC.</u> <u>300 GEORGE STREET, SUITE 301</u> _____ (Street) <u>NEW HAVEN CT 06511</u> _____ (City) (State) (Zip) | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>MELINTA THERAPEUTICS, INC.</u> <u>/NEW/ [MLNT]</u> | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) | | |
| | | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>06/12/2018</u> | | | | | |
| | | | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | |
| | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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. 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) |
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| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |

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 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) | |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | | Title |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$7.45 | 06/12/2018 ⁽¹⁾ | | A | | 25,000 | | (2) | 04/20/2028 | Common Stock | 25,000 | \$0.00 | 25,000 | D | |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$7.45 | 06/12/2018 ⁽¹⁾ | | A | | 9,100 | | 04/20/2019 | 04/20/2028 | Common Stock | 9,100 | \$0.00 | 9,100 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

- The option grant was approved by the compensation committee of the Company's board of directors on April 20, 2018, subject to stockholder approval of an amendment to the stock option plan under which the option was granted. The Company's stockholders approved the plan amendment on June 12, 2018.
- One-third of the shares underlying the stock option will vest and become exercisable on April 20, 2019. The remainder will vest and become exercisable in substantially equal monthly installments during the two year period commencing on April 20, 2019.

Remarks:

/s/ Paul Estrem, by Power of Attorney 06/14/2018

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

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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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of Paul Estrem, Susan Blum and Russ Causey, and each of them acting alone, signing singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to: (1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer, director and/or 10% or more stockholder of Melinta Therapeutics, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4 and 5, and Update Passphrase Acknowledgement (and any amendments thereto) in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "1934 Act"), and the rules promulgated thereunder; (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4 and 5, and Update Passphrase Acknowledgement (and any amendments thereto) and to file timely such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the 1934 Act.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4 and 5, and Update Passphrase Acknowledgement with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned, in a signed writing delivered to each of the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 14th day of June 2018.

/s/ Jay Galeota

Jay Galeota