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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * KIRSKE DAVID

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Last)

(Instr. 3)

CTI BIOPHARMA CORP [CTIC]

(Check all applicable)

C/O CTI BIOPHARMA

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 08/01/2017

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) See Remarks

CORP., 3101 WESTERN AVE., SUITE 600

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

SEATTLE, WA 98121

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security

3. (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Code (Month/Day/Year)

4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 5. Amount of 6. Ownership Securities Form: Direct Beneficially Owned (I) Following (Instr. 4)

7. Nature of Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

10% Owner

Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 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 Conversion 3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

5. Number of TransactionDerivative

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date**

7. Title and Amount of 8 Underlying Securities

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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security		any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)			(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	7 (A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 3.43	08/01/2017		A	25,000		<u>(1)</u>	08/01/2027	Common Stock	25,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

KIRSKE DAVID C/O CTI BIOPHARMA CORP. 3101 WESTERN AVE., SUITE 600 SEATTLE, WA 98121

See Remarks

Signatures

/s/ Bruce J. Seeley, Attorney-in-fact for David Kirske

08/03/2017

**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).

The stock options will vest over a period of one year from the grant date in twelve equal monthly installments. The grant will accelerate
(1) and fully vest should Mr. Kirske's employment be terminated by the Company without cause within the first six months after the grant

Remarks:

principal financial and accounting officer

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