

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Check this box to indicate that a transaction was made pursuant to a contract, instruction or written plan for the purchase or sale of equity securities of the issuer that is intended to satisfy the affirmative defense conditions of Rule 10b5-1(c). See Instruction 10.

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Jabbour Jerome D</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O MATINAS BIOPHARMA HOLDINGS, INC.</u> <u>1545 ROUTE 206 SOUTH SUITE 302</u> (Street) <u>BEDMINSTER NJ 07921</u> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Matinas BioPharma Holdings, Inc. [MTNB]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>President and CEO</u> |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/15/2023</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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| | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| <u>Stock Option (right to Buy)</u> | <u>\$0.247</u> | <u>12/15/2023</u> | | <u>A</u> | <u>3,500,000</u> | <u>(I)</u> | <u>12/15/2033</u> | <u>Common Stock</u> | <u>3,500,000</u> | <u>\$0</u> | <u>3,500,000</u> | <u>D</u> | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. The option award was made in accordance with the terms of the Issuer's Amended and Restated 2013 Equity Incentive Plan. The option vests as to 25% of the shares on December 15, 2024 with the remaining shares to vest in equal monthly installments on the last day of each month over a period of 36 months commencing December 31, 2024.

/s/ Keith A. Kucinski, attorney-in
fact for Jerome D. Jabbour 12/15/2023
** 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).
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