

CTI BIOPHARMA CORP
 Form 4
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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. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Plunkett Matthew

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3101 WESTERN AVENUE, SUITE 600

(Street)

SEATTLE, WA 98121

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CTI BIOPHARMA CORP [ctic]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/23/2015

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 ___X___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

EVP, Chief Business Officer

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

___X___ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	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 Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Underlying (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Code	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Performance Rights ⁽¹⁾	\$ 0	12/23/2015	D		253,438	<u>(1)</u>	Common Stock
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 1.24	12/23/2015	A	1,400,000		<u>(2)</u> 12/23/2025	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Plunkett Matthew 3101 WESTERN AVENUE, SUITE 600 SEATTLE, WA 98121			EVP, Chief Business Officer	

Signatures

By: Louis A. Bianco, Attorney-in-fact For: Matthew Plunkett
 Date: 12/23/2015

__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).
- In a Form 4 filed on March 22, 2013, the reporting person reported the acquisition of the number of performance rights identified in the table above that related to the issuer's achievement of a market capitalization goal. That award no longer represents the right to receive
- (1) shares of the issuer's common stock. Instead, if the applicable performance goal is achieved by December 31, 2016, the reporting person will be entitled to the grant of a stock option with respect to the same number of shares that would have been issued to the reporting person upon achievement of the goal under the original terms of the award.
 - (2) The option is scheduled to vest in eight semi-annual installments over the four-year period following the grant date, subject to the reporting person's continued employment or service with the issuer through the applicable vesting date.

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