

CTI BIOPHARMA CORP  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
**SEELEY BRUCE J.**

(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)  
**07/27/2015**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**EVP, Chief Commercial Officer**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	07/27/2015		A <sup>(1)</sup>	300,000 A \$ 0	300,000	D	

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)**

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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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Performance Rights <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 0	07/27/2015		A	406,483 <sup>(2)</sup>	<sup>(2)</sup> 12/31/2016	Common Stock	406,483

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

SEELEY BRUCE J.  
3101 WESTERN AVENUE SUITE 600  
SEATTLE, WA 98121

EVP, Chief Commercial Officer

## Signatures

By: Louis A. Bianco, Attorney-in-fact For: Bruce J. Seeley

07/29/2015

\_\_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).
- (1) Restricted stock award will vest in three installments with one-third of the award on each of (i) July 27, 2016; (ii) July 27, 2017; and (iii) July 27, 2018, subject to the officer's continued service with the Company.

This transaction represents a grant of performance-based restricted stock units pursuant to CTIC's long-term incentive program. The reporting person has been granted an award that is payable in shares of CTIC common stock upon the achievement of certain performance goals on or before December 31, 2016. Should such a goal be timely achieved, the number of shares payable will be determined by multiplying the payout percentage that has been assigned by CTIC to that goal multiplied by the number of shares of CTIC common stock issued and outstanding at the time that particular goal has been achieved. One such performance goal is the attainment by CTIC of a specified level of market capitalization. The units reported above reflect the 0.225% payout percentage that has been assigned by CTIC to this market capitalization goal for purposes of the reporting person's award multiplied by the number of shares of CTIC common stock issued and outstanding as of July 27, 2015.

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