

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>Varghese Santosh T</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>C/O VIVUS, INC.</u> <u>900 E. HAMILTON AVE., SUITE 550</u>  (Street) <u>CAMPBELL</u> <u>CA</u> <u>95008</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>VIVUS INC</u> [ <u>VVUS</u> ]  3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>01/23/2019</u>  4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)  Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Medical Officer</u>  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
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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 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)
			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)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares				
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$4.05	01/23/2019		A	32,000	(1) (2)	Common Stock 32,000	\$0	32,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

1. One-fourth (1/4th) of the total number of shares underlying the option vest on January 23, 2020, and one forty-eighth (1/48th) of the total number of shares underlying the option vest on the last day of each month thereafter, subject to the reporting person continuing to be a Service Provider (as defined in the Issuer's 2018 Equity Incentive Plan) on the relevant vesting dates.
2. The option expires on the earlier of (a) January 23, 2026 and (b) the twelve (12) month anniversary of the date the reporting person ceases to be a Service Provider (as defined in the Issuer's 2018 Equity Incentive Plan).

Remarks:

/s/ Julie Hollenback, Attorney-in-Fact 01/25/2019

\*\* 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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