Biostage, Inc. Form 4 March 16, 2017

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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Form 5 obligations

may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

(Last)

1. Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Canepa John J

> (First) (Middle)

C/O BIOSTAGE, INC., 84

OCTOBER HILL ROAD, SUITE 11

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol Biostage, Inc. [BSTG]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 03/14/2017

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

3.

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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

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

Beneficially

Owned

(City) (State) (Zip)

HOLLISTON, MA 01746

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

TransactionAcquired (A) or Code (Instr. 8)

Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

4. Securities

Following Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Securities

Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of SEC 1474 (9-02)

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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 Security or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of **Underlying Securities** (Instr. 3 and 4)

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| (Instr. 3) | Price of Derivative Security | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Acquired (or Dispose (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | ed of | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|------------------|------------|---|-------|---------------------|--------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 0.38 | 03/14/2017 | | A | 25,000 | | (1) | 03/14/2027 | Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 25,000 |
| Restricted Stock Units | (2) | 03/14/2017 | | A | 18,250 | | (3) | (3) | Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 18,250 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Canepa John J | | | | | | | |
| C/O BIOSTAGE, INC. | X | | | | | | |
| 84 OCTOBER HILL ROAD, SUITE 11 | Λ | | | | | | |
| HOLLISTON, MA 01746 | | | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Chad Porter, by power of attorney

**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) The option shares vest in full one year from the date of grant.
- (2) Restricted stock units granted by the Issuer pursuant to its 2013 Equity Incentive Plan and qualified under Rule 16b-3(d). Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of Common Stock of the Issuer.
- (3) The restricted stock units vest and settle in full one year from the date of grant.

Remarks:

This form has been signed under power of attorney.

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