

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Small Derek A</u>	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 07/11/2014	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ASSEMBLY BIOSCIENCES, INC. [VTUS]</u>	
		4. 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>Pres., Chief. Op. Off.</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)
(Last) (First) (Middle) <u>99 HUDSON STREET, 5TH FLOOR</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
(Street) <u>NEW YORK NY US 10013</u>			
(City) (State) (Zip)			

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
<u>Common Stock</u>	<u>624,391⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>D</u>	

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
<u>Stock Option (right to buy)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>05/15/2024</u>	<u>Common Stock, \$0.001 par value per share</u>	<u>466,238⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾</u>	<u>5.35⁽¹⁾</u>	<u>D</u>

Explanation of Responses:

- Adjusted to reflect the 1-for-5 reverse stock split that occurred on July 11, 2014.
- These options vest 1/36 on a monthly basis beginning on February 2, 2014.
- These options were assumed by the Company in connection with the reporting person becoming a director and executive officer of the Company.

/s/ Alexander M. Donaldson,
by Power of Attorney 07/14/2014

** 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 5 (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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