Instruction 1(b).

FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERS	HIP
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Name and Address of Reporting Person* Novo Holdings A/S					2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol SPRUCE BIOSCIENCES, INC. [SPRB]								Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director X 10% Owner						
(Last) (First) (Middle) TUBORG HAVNEVEJ 19					3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/19/2021									Office below	er (give title v)		Other (below)	specify	
(Street) HELLEF (City)		ate) (2	900 Zip)								d (Month/Da		L	ine) X	Form Form Perso		e Rep	orting Pers	on
		Table	I - No	n-Deriva	ative S	Secu	rities	Acq	uired	, Dis	posed of	, or E	Benefic	ially	Own	ed			
Date			2. Transac Date (Month/Da	Execution Date,			3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) 4. Securities Acquired (A) Disposed Of (D) (Instr. 3, 4)				4 and Securi Benefi Owned		ties cially l Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership			
									Code	v	Amount	(A) (D)	or Price	•	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)				(Instr. 4)
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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)				6. Date Exercisa Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year		ate Amount of		int of rities rlying ative rity (Instr.	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)		9. Number derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4)	y	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					Code	v	(A)	(D)	Date Exercis	sable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	er					

Explanation of Responses:

1. The securities were sold as a block sale broker transaction.

Novo Holdings A/S is a Danish limited liability company. The board of directors of Novo Holdings A/S (the "Novo Board") has shared investment and voting control over the securities of the Issuer held by Novo Holdings A/S (the "Shares") and may exercise such control only with the support of a majority of the Novo Board. As such, no individual member of the Novo Board is deemed to hold any beneficial ownership or reportable pecuniary interest in the Shares.

/s/ Peter Haahr, Chief

Financial Officer of Novo

Holdings A/S

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

05/21/2021

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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