

FORM 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Sliman Joseph A.		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 01/17/2017	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Synthetic Biologics, Inc. [SYN]	
(Last) C/O SYNTHETIC BIOLOGICS, INC., 9605 MEDICAL CENTER DRIVE, STE. 270	(First) (Middle) ROCKVILLE, MD 20850		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(City) (State) (Zip)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

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)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Stock Option	02/24/2014	02/23/2019	Common Stock	350,000	\$ 2.73	D	
Stock Option	12/31/2014	12/30/2024	Common Stock	30,000	\$ 1.46	D	
Stock Option	12/04/2015	12/03/2022	Common Stock	275,000	\$ 2.76	D	
Stock Option	11/30/2016	11/29/2023	Common Stock	327,800	\$ 0.8	D	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Sliman Joseph A. C/O SYNTHETIC BIOLOGICS, INC., 9605 MEDICAL CENTER DRIVE, STE. 270			CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER	

Signatures

/s/ Joseph Sliman		01/18/2017
<small>**Signature of Reporting Person</small>		<small>Date</small>

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).

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